

Commons inquiry likely into Westland

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The tragedy of schizophrenia. Researching the cause, seeking a cure. Nightmares of captivity. Iran's hostages, five years on.

Portfolio £24,000 to be won. Today's Times Portfolio prizes amount to £24,000...

Revenge kidnap in Beirut. Three Spanish Embassy officials were kidnapped near Beirut airport...

Inflation up to 5.7 per cent. The rate of inflation increased to 5.7 per cent last month.

Shuttle delayed. The return to Earth of the space shuttle Columbia was postponed for another 24 hours...

Botham encore. Ian Botham plans to follow his charity walks from John O'Grady to Land's End...

Tory revolt. Up to 50 Conservative MPs, including former ministers, are expected to abstain or vote against the Government...

Lab to close. More than 300 jobs will be lost with the closure of the G. G. Searle drug company's research laboratory at High Wycombe.

El Al pulls out. El Al, Israel's airline, said last night it would suspend services to Manchester after a dispute with the Department of Transport over new security arrangements.

Gatwick guns. Gatwick airport is to have a squad of police marksmen but they will not carry arms openly, the Chief Constable of Sussex police, Mr Roger Birch, said yesterday.

Marcos riches. President Marcos of the Philippines and his wife own at least £170 million of property in the US, a Congress sub-committee chairman said.

Ford threat. A decision on strike action at Ford will be taken on Thursday after a two to one vote by workers in favour.

Kampala panic. Thousands of Kampala residents fled their homes in panic after shooting was heard in the suburbs and soldiers were seen converging on the city.

England hopes. England seek a rare win over Wales at Twickenham, and France gamble against Scotland at Murrayfield, in the five nations rugby championship.

Table with 2 columns: Home News, Overseas, Arts, Business, Sport, and other categories with corresponding page numbers.

Westland board dealt blow by shareholders

The board of Westland Helicopters was defeated as shareholders failed to approve a proposal that Sikorsky and Fiat mount a £74 million rescue.

Sir John Cuckney, Westland's chairman, won only 65 per cent of the shareholders' votes instead of the 75 per cent needed.

At the end of the extraordinary general meeting in London Mr Alan Bristow called for the resignation of the whole Westland board.

Mr Bristow said after last night's Westland vote that he would like to become chairman of the company.

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Hunt for 'Mr X' as captors free envoy's brother

Muhammad Sadiq al-Tajir, brother of one of the world's richest men, was yesterday released by a gang of international kidnapers.

The missing man, a Knightsbridge travel agent, was freed after 11 days' captivity when his ordeal ended on a note of bathos.

The police view is normally to oppose payment but the kidnapping this time is said to be "quite unusual".

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Lab may be prosecuted over 'lost' smallpox ampoules

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine may face prosecution after ampoules of smallpox virus were found in a leaking refrigerator in a corridor at the school.

# Serious Tory revolt likely in Commons over cut in rate support for shires

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

After one of the worst weeks on record for Mrs Margaret Thatcher's Administration, the Government faces the prospect of a significant backbench rebellion on Monday over the cut in rate support grant to shire counties.

# Councils are ordered to sell off unused land

By George Hill

The Government ordered 17 councils yesterday to sell 125 acres of unused land, unless they can show a need for it within six weeks.

# Ford vote to strike over pay offer

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Leaders of 35,000 Ford manual workers yesterday demanded a new offer on pay and conditions, after a strike vote of more than two to one.

# Bill to aid handicapped given second reading

By John Winder

A Labour backbench MP's Bill to improve the lot of the handicapped and mentally ill was given an unopposed second reading in the Commons yesterday.

# Wrangle over Westland's future continues to simmer

## Brittan and Lygo patch up peace

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Mr Leon Brittan and Sir Raymond Lygo yesterday patched up a sort of peace, with Sir Raymond bowing to the Department of Trade and Industry in the dispute over what was said at the meeting between the two on January 8.

It came in the form of an exchange of letters in which Sir Raymond, chief executive of British Aerospace, put forward an explanation of how their "misunderstanding" had arisen.

An essential part of the peace-making process seems to have been an exchange in the Commons at question time on Thursday when Mrs Thatcher accepted a suggestion by Mr Michael Marshall, Conservative MP for Arundel, that the dispute was "a case of genuine misunderstanding".



Mr Leon Brittan, launching the book Protectionism and Industrial Policy in Europe, commissioned by his department more than three years ago, at Chatham House, headquarters of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, yesterday (Photograph: Graham Lookson)

campaign on behalf of the European consortium was against the national interest, I would accept that.

# Exchange of letters ends slanging match

The Department of Trade and Industry yesterday published, by agreement with British Aerospace, an exchange of correspondence between Sir Raymond Lygo, chief executive of BAE and Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

# Heseltine more honest, poll says

By Our Lobby Reporter

An opinion poll into the Westland affair last night revealed that a majority of people believe Mr Michael Heseltine has been more honest than the Prime Minister about the Government's role.

the company or I sought to question your integrity. I understand that likewise you are not questioning my own integrity, either personally or as the Chief Executive of British Aerospace.

election. Of Conservative supporters 27 per cent agreed. The survey, conducted for Independent Television News by Harris Research Centre, says that only one person in ten believes the account given by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Leon Brittan, saying he should stay in the Government while 37 per cent believe he should resign.

# Workers still prefer Sikorsky

From Craig Seton, Yeovil

The drug company G.D. Searle is to close its main British research laboratory at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, in a phased shutdown over the next six months, more than 300 jobs will go, over half filled by scientists.

Work will be transferred to the United States, with some shared between Searle laboratories in France and Japan. The move is part of a reorganization following the company's takeover by Monsanto, the US chemical company.

Supporters of the European deal are impossible to find. At a recent union meeting, 1,200 workers voted for the Sikorsky arrangement and only one man regarded as brave but rather foolish - put his hand up for the European offer.

# 300 jobs to go in laboratory closure

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

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Nevertheless, it said that it has not received the credit which it thought due from the Government following a £20 million investment in a new factory at Morphix Northumberland, completed last year.

The Department of Health and Social Security has a points system to calculate the price the Government will offer a drug company for its products. A company that is British-owned, manufactures for the home and export markets and conducts extensive research, fares better than a foreign-owned company that only imports or has a franchise.

The shutdown affects pre-clinical research on substances for possible new medicines in three main fields: cardiovascular treatments, allergies and gastro-intestinal illnesses.

# South Africa job advertisement brings complaint

By Pat Healy

Barclays Bank is to be reported to the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE) and the Advertising Standards Authority because its South African-linked bank group advertised for 150 top computer jobs in South Africa.

The advertisement, placed by Barclays National Bank of South Africa in the current issue of Computer Weekly, offers salaries of £10,000 to £50,000 and systems and projects managers, who are also offered low-cost mortgages, and cars.

The advertisement is being referred to the CRE as being potentially in breach of Britain's race relations laws, and to the ASA as misleading, by the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

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# War gas victim pension backdate

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Department of Health and Social Security is refusing to backdate a war disablement pension for a service man who was gassed in the Second World War, despite the fact that on grounds of secrecy he was not told he had been exposed to the gas.

# Fowler Bill offers chance to pull out of Serps

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Incentives to individuals to pull out of the state earnings-related pensions scheme (Serps) and set up their own personal pensions are proposed in the social security Bill published yesterday.

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# Flying Dutchman space shuttle kept in orbit for another day

From Moshin Ali, Washington

Space shuttle Columbia's return to earth was again postponed for another 24 hours yesterday because of rain over the Kennedy Space Centre landing site in Florida.

taking advantage of the extra days in space to reactivate some of its medical, biological and astronomy experiments.

## Spaceship finds new moons of Uranus

New York (NYT) - The cameras of the Voyager 2 spacecraft have detected six more small moons orbiting Uranus, doubling to 12 the number of satellites known to be around the distant planet.

bodies and closer to Uranus than the object found last month. The largest one is estimated to be 30 miles in diameter.

## Monster in Soviet lake is just mud

Moscow - A team of experts from the prestigious Soviet Academy of Sciences claims to have scientifically disproved the existence of a mysterious marine beast in the depths of Lake Kol-Kol.

## Dhaka paper leaves blank space

Dhaka - A leading opposition newspaper in Bangladesh kept part of its front page blank yesterday in protest against curbs on reports critical of President Ershad (Ahmed Fazl writes).

## Police swoop breaks up Polish peace meeting

Polish security police yesterday detained two leading dissidents in a new attempt to block links between the political opposition and a world peace congress being staged in Warsaw.

congress from about 150 Polish non conformists writers and thinkers, but the police detained him earlier in the day.



Members of a special Malta police squad escorting Omar Muhammad Ali Rezak to court, where he faces charges of murdering an American and an Israeli in the hijacking of an Egypt Air flight last November.

## EEC reform package faces more delay

From Richard Owen, Brussels

EEC officials expressed relief yesterday following the reluctant and qualified approval given this week by the European Parliament to the package of reforms agreed at the last EEC summit in Luxembourg.

It looks as if the ceremony will be postponed, one official said with regret.

The Danish position, reflecting rising anti-EEC feeling there, is that the reforms go too far. The Italians argued that they did not go far enough.

## Chadli outflanks the Muslim extremists

Algiers (Reuter) - Algeria's revised National Charter, the country's ideological platform was approved by a massive majority, 98.37 per cent of voters, in a referendum on Thursday, the Interior Minister, Mr Muhammad Hadj Yala said yesterday.

While the extremists have drawn attention to their cause with some of the worst violence since before Algeria's independence in 1962, the focus has been put on other groups through mass trials.

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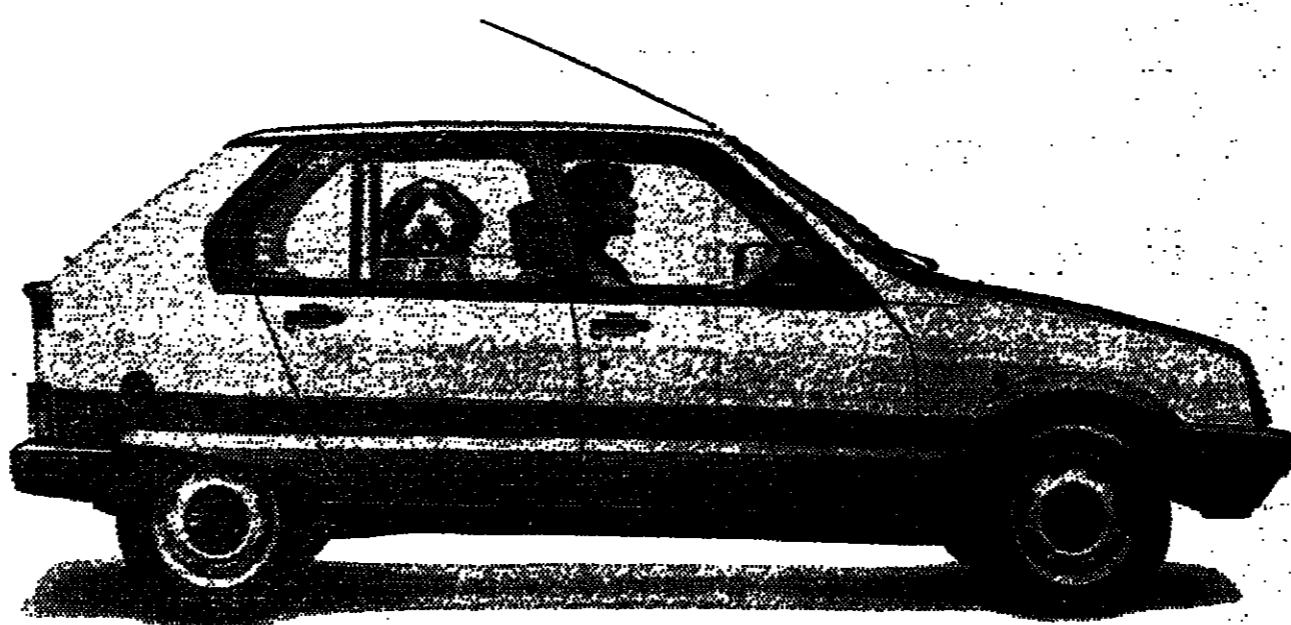
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SPORTING DIARY Simon Barnes

Strong suit

The British Lions' tour of South Africa could be on again. If it is, however, the Rugby Football Union is likely to face a legal storm.

Anti-Union

Meanwhile, the RFU is already bracing itself for legal action from the Rugby League.

John Woodcock, who last year warned that "unless we are very careful the one-day international will drive out the Test match...

Earn-as-you-play

It is not just love of cricket that keeps South African batsman Graeme Pollock in the game.

Veiled Botham

Ian Botham - the cricketer who wants to play Biggles - will next week have his image unveiled at the National Portrait Gallery.

BARRY FANTONI



Legs eleven

Some clubs sack managers. The Gola League club, Boston United, have sacked their manager, Peter Mann.

Blackburne Golf Club made their first life member of the ladies section this week - Hilda Walker, aged 90.

Not so blue

I have a letter confirming the date of what seems to be the first Oxford-Cambridge tiddlywinks fixture. It took place on March 16, 1946, and Cambridge won 7-1.

The history of the Spanish Nationalist-Republican conflict has been through volatile changes. Antony Beevor reviews the twists and turns



Still no end to the 50-year war

A Spanish Civil War specialist only recently declared: "The dialogue of historians can now supersede the propaganda battles of the war."

The passions stirred around the world by the Nationalist rising 50 years ago this July, were unprecedented. Only the Vietnam war was to produce a comparable reaction.

Three key areas of controversy stand out: the causes of the war, the question of atrocities, and the role of the communists within Republican Spain.

Both versions overlooked embarrassing allies and perpetuated the notion of alien plots - the left conspiracy theory prompted by the rapid despatch of Axis aid to Franco, the right's inflated with forged plans for a communist coup.

The basic argument over the war's origins dates back to the propaganda battle unleashed by the rising. In the crudest terms, it was caused by the "national egoism" of the rich, in the startling phrase of the conservative leader Gil Robles.

A clearcut answer could come only with predetermined attitudes. To untangle the chains of cause and effect and define what set the pendulum of repression and revolt in motion is not simple.

Why were the Greek legends, with their appalling catalogues of infanticide, murder, rape, incest, cannibalism and the like, considered improving reading for impressionable schoolboys? Take the curse on the House of Pelops. Thyestes seduces his brother Atreus's wife and is banished. Later Atreus recalls him and serves him with a dish containing the flesh of his children.

I have two legacies from this curious education - a possibly disorderly imagination and, to be fair, bits of knowledge indispensable to crossword compilers. If, for example, you wish to solve the clue "Lord of the Rings supplanted, by Jove" you must know not merely that the planet Saturn is the one with the three rings round it but that the Roman Saturn, who was also the Greek Titan Cronos, was overthrown by his son Jove, or Zeus.

Carr regards the failure of Spanish liberalism in the 19th century as the crucial point, Gerald Brenan delves even further, but Hugh Thomas does not believe the causes predate the rapid process of politicization under the Republic.

The argument then extends to whether the political polarization made war inevitable. Was it ever possible for a moderate government to satisfy the aspirations of the workers, particularly the landless peasants of the south-west, without outraging the right's proprietorial view of Spanish society and national values?

Historians such as Hugh Thomas, Gabriel Jackson and Salvador de Madariaga feel with varying degrees of conviction that a coalition of the centre could have saved the situation. Others remain sceptical. Undoubtedly, there is a temptation for historians to adopt a leader's eye view of events, and perhaps the degree to which politicians in Madrid exerted a positive control, or merely a divisive influence, should now be overlooked.

The long-running dispute about atrocities stemmed from the original contest for international opinion. In Spain, Nationalist historians perpetuated the wartime catechism: Franco's crusade saved the country from Red Terror and the Jewish Bolshevik-Masonic conspiracy.

In 1937, when Franco's headquarters first reacted to the accusations of aerial terrorism after the Condor Legion raid, the Nationalists never imagined it would become a cause célèbre of the war. In a brazen reversal of truth, perhaps only exceeded by the Soviet version of the Katyn massacre of Polish officers, they blamed "Red incendiaries" and swore that no aircraft had taken off.

Although The Times stood by his account, the Nazi government's anger so alarmed the editor, representing the left-libertarian tendency of the anti-Vietnam war movement and the spirit of the May events in Paris, published an attack on Gabriel Jackson's history. He accused Jackson of a strong bias in favour of the communists' suppression of the social revolution in Catalonia and Aragon; liberal historians, like communists, were bound to dislike popular self-organization.

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The precedents for Thatcher's power

When a minister resigns amid a cabinet rumour there is often talk of constitutional outrage. In a letter to Harold Wilson in March 1966 George Brown gave his main reason for resigning as "the way this government is run and the manner in which we reach our decisions".

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John O'Sullivan

No conquest, just appeasement

This week the American Broadcasting Corporation decided to postpone - and even to consider cancelling - a projected mini-series on a hypothetical Soviet occupation of the United States, entitled *Amerika*. This was partly because Moscow had warned that its showing would entail "unfortunate" consequences for ABC.

"Unfortunate" is, in such contexts, a wonderfully sinister word. On this occasion, however, the implied Soviet threat seems to have been nothing worse than a refusal to allow the ABC news programme, *World News Tonight*, to be broadcast from Moscow during February.

ABC therefore had an opportunity to demonstrate its attachment to high principle. It could declare that it would not submit to the censorship of a foreign government for the sake of profit. There can be little doubt that if the US government had made such a threat, that is exactly what ABC would have done.

Such attempts as we have made to widen our sources have met with mixed success. The use in a puzzle of the Australian word *WOWER*, a teetotaler or spoilsport, led to a splendid return from Robert Norton of Monks Risborough: "We are, of course, aware of Australia, especially with the down clues. Some of us may even have been there. But none of us, naturally, are bad sports. It is therefore impossible to expect that we should know this word, for nobody would have used it in our presence."

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John Grant Crossword Editor

Finding an anagram for Agamemnon

The chief reason why compilers continue to insist on classical mythology in our syllabus is of course that the dramatic personae of the myths are so luxuriantly vocalised. Andromeda, Electra, Cassiopea, Anaxibia, Niobe, Iphigenia, not to mention the Muses, the Fates and the Furies, make up the morose, rather than the heroic, crosswords together since they began.

One fears that this is unfair to younger solvers. Through no fault of their own, today's schoolchildren have small Latin and less Greek, so what's Hecuba to them? And it's not only the classical allusions that are a worry. Mrs Leonora Collins of London writes: "I know that my own grown-up children, and young people I've worked with, all well-educated and well-informed, find certain allusions meaningless. They seldom know that RE and RA are sappers and gunners, they don't know a marine is a jolly, they've seldom heard of Noyes or Inge, and so on."

She ends with the thought that as nowadays *The Times* appeals to a greater variety of people, perhaps it is time for some changes. But having gamely tried her hand at some alternative clues she has to concede defeat. Sappers and the like would keep breaking in.

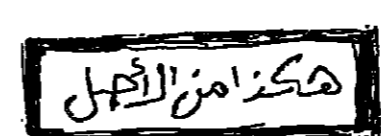
This is the difficulty. To get words to fit decently into a grid, and to devise clues to answers that appear to offer no top-hole, the compiler has used of all his raw materials. He does not wish to become an Israelite in Pharaoh's brickfields during the straw shortage.

No doubt the abbreviations of the computer age will begin to percolate through into the dictionaries, and then perhaps we can replace such outworn initials as VAD.

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THIS YEAR'S CHAMPIONSHIP Glasgow Grosvenor Hotel (capacity 300 competitors), Sunday, March 2; Leeds, Queens Hotel (300), Sunday, March 23; Birmingham, Grand Hotel (300), Sunday, April 21; Bristol, Grand Hotel (230), Sunday, May 18; London A, Saturday, May 31, and London B, Sunday, June 1, Park Lane Hotel (300). The national final will be at the Park Lane Hotel on Sunday, September 7.









THE ARTS

Dance

Bargain of the ballet

Giselle Covent Garden

Paul Hamlyn's beliefs that the good things in life should be brought to as many people as possible and that ballet is one of those good things make him dear to my heart...

any new or personal light on the character. Tucker was at her best as the lightly-moving ghost in Act Two...

John Percival

Concert

Circa 1500 Wigmore Hall

"Circa 1500" is this chamber ensemble's name and also, unsurprisingly, a fairly precise description of its repertoire...

repertoire the singer seemed unwilling either to deliver these potentially catchy tunes with the crisp articulation which would bring them to life...

The instrumental items were rather livelier. Fuge la morie, by the far from dry Johannes Martini became a showpiece for the nimble recorder playing of the dance...

Richard Morrison

Opera

A desert of contemporary motifs

Moses Coliseum

The directors of Norwest Holst must find it all a little odd. For three seasons in succession they have funded shoestring productions of neglected 19th-century operas...

These are not, however, revealed at once. The producer, Keith Warner, offers a first act that is as near to biblical epic in its look as his budget will allow...

From this point one expects the plastic machine guns, the blinding lights, the police squads, the international conference table, the crowd barriers, the microphone-jammed podium and the partisan berets...

I suspect, however, that Mr Warner made no such decision, but rather that he mistook the nature of Rossini's seriousness. I see no evidence that the composer cared a scrap about "fundamental religious issues"...



Temporary peace at the conference table: John Tomlinson as Moses and Neil Howlett (right) as Pharaoh

It is not just that the action looks so feeble on its own terms, nor that it is in a state of permanent magnetic repulsion against the music of the 1820s...

There are pleasures too from among the rest of the cast. Cathryn Pope sings with delightful tone and fine phrasing as Anna...

With his Bruegelsque face and phlegmy, gurgling voice, Gowing brought the artist and his subversive but reassuring art to life...

Paul Griffiths

Radio

Glittering creatures under contract

You do not immediately associate Radio 2 or the name of Mr Hubert Gregg with the more serious programmes of the day...

producer, Phyllis Robinson, did was to tell us how she got to be like that (mother's insatiable ambition for her daughters did not help) and, more soberly, how the circumstances of her life as one of MGM's great stars...

above the law. Mr Gregg's undemanding style, pointed up the contrast between the image and the life...

In Pleasing the Patient (Radio 4, Sunday, producer Miles Barton) Geoff Watts looked into the strange phenomenon of the placebo effect, concluding wisely that, since it is plainly there and will not go away, scientists would do well to try to understand it...

Sherrin in Loose Ends (Radio 4, Saturday, producers Ian Gardhouse, Simon Shaw and Cathie Mahoney) chatting to his farmer brother Alfred and to observe how the bright, slightly showbiz tones in which he conducts the rest of the programme had fallen away...

This was one of a series of items in which siblings whose paths have diverged will be brought face to face. When studio-based, however, this new venture reveals Radio 4 once again striving for the smart, the sophisticated, while turning in some booming clichés in the process...

David Wade

Long distance form: Mark Lawson finds that Everyman now has total consistency of ambition

Television films about religion have tended to be mongrel documentaries, caught between religion's aim to celebrate and affirm and journalism's wish to undermine and question.

Everyman has achieved its higher profile by a process which its editor, Daniel Woolf, describes as "remaining true to the core of our brief, while exploring the margins. The aim is to cover a broad subject area in a variety of styles."

How this theory reaches the screen can be seen in the evolution, during the most recent series, of three types of Everyman film. The first is the traditional "God-slot" documentary about a spiritual or institutional aspect of contemporary religion...

What is most admirable about Everyman is the consistency of its ambition: it has achieved a frisson of unpredictability. There was a time when films on spiritual issues, such as concrete overcoats of worklessness, slipped into television's river of trivia and sank.

Nicholas Shakespeare

European Law Report

Tax transfer of Community funds to national budget contrary to EEC obligations

Yurd v Jones (Inspector of Taxes) Case 44/84. Mr Justice U. Everling, acting as president and Judges K. Bahlmann, J. J. G. Bosch, T. Koopmans, D. Y. Galmot, C. Kakouris and T. O'Higgins. Advocate General Sir Gordon Slynn. Judgment delivered January 15.

Conduct by which a member state could unilaterally interfere with the system adopted for financing the Community was contrary to the duty of genuine co-operation and assistance owed by member states to the Community and to the duty to refrain from jeopardizing the attainment of the objectives of the Treaty.

According to the salary scale applied in their state of origin, and second, the amount paid by the European School known as "the European supplement". That supplement corresponded to the difference between the national salary and a standard salary established by the Teaching Staff Regulations on the basis of the staff regulations of officials of the European Communities.

of the Community institutions were impeded by a measure taken to the detriment of the member states. The 1957 decision which was adopted for the purposes of the implementation of the agreement on the Statute concluded in connection with the function of the Communities was one of the "positions" covered by that provision. Consequently, in relation to the 1957 decision the new member states were "in the same situation as the original member states" by virtue of article 3(3).

According to a consistent line of decisions of the court, a provision producing direct effect in relation between the member states and their subjects only if it was clear and unconditional and not contingent on any discretionary implementing measures.

Those requirements were not fulfilled with regard to the obligation at issue in these proceedings. It was for each member state concerned to determine the method by which it chose to prevent its tax treatment of teachers at European Schools from producing detrimental effects for the system of financing the Community and apportioning financial burdens between the member states.

European school situated in the territory of a state was not entitled to confer on those persons the benefit of the Community rules on the free movement of workers and to limit the power of that state to adopt measures in relation to them which were more restrictive than those applied to nationals of other states.

Mr Hurd, a UK national, was the administrator of the European School at Culham, Oxfordshire. The inspector of taxes made tax assessments for the years 1978/1979 to 1979/1980 in respect of Mr Hurd during those years. Mr Hurd appealed against those assessments to the special commissioners for income tax.

The European Schools were set up in the various places where the situations of the European Communities were located, including, since 1978, at Culham. Their purpose was to provide schooling for the children of officials and servants of the Communities in their mother tongue.

The special commissioners considered that their decision depended upon certain questions of interpretation of Community law and they therefore referred those questions to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling. In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

However, in order to determine the scope of article 3 with regard to such instruments, it was necessary to define their legal status and, consequently, to subject them to such scrutiny as was necessary for that purpose.

Article 5. By their second question the special commissioners asked in the first place whether article 5 of the EEC Treaty required member states to give effect to the 1957 decision and thereby whether the member states were under an obligation to exempt from domestic taxation the European supplements paid to teaching staff of the European Schools where those staff were their nationals.

Article 7. The second question also sought to establish whether article 7 of the EEC Treaty or any other provision of Community law required a member state to extend to its own nationals the exemption from domestic income tax which it granted to teachers of the European Schools who were nationals of another member state and, more specifically, to apply the 1957 decision in relation to them.

It followed that article 7 could not be relied upon to prohibit a member state from applying to the teaching staff of a European School situated on its territory tax treatment which was less favourable to its own nationals than to the nationals of other member states.

They were established on the basis of two agreements ("the Statute" and the "Protocol") concluded between the six original member states of the European Communities. The United Kingdom acceded to those agreements after its accession to the European Communities.

For teaching staff of the European Schools in Luxembourg, Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands and Germany, the supplementary of their national salary, the European supplements and the differential allowances paid by those schools were, in one way or another, exempted from national income tax, both in the state of origin and in the state where the school was situated.

Article 3. The first question sought to establish whether article 3 of the Act of Accession imposed an obligation on the new member states to give effect to the instruments which it did not have under article 177.

Article 3(1). The court found in the first place that the Statute and the Protocol which led to the establishment of the European Schools were agreements concluded by the original member states relating to the functioning of the Communities or connected with their activities within the meaning of the second sentence of article 3(1), and that the United Kingdom acceded to those agreements in accordance with its obligation under that provision.

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The board of governors, composed of the competent ministers of the member states and the representative of the European Communities, adopted provisions concerning the rights and obligations of members of the teaching staff of the European Schools ("the Teaching Staff Regulations").

The teaching staff of the European Schools were employed by their respective national authorities and seconded to the European Schools by those authorities. As remuneration, they received a salary paid by the national authorities calculated

According to Mr Hurd and the Commission, the court's jurisdiction to interpret article 3 included the power to determine the obligations which arose for member states under the measures which came under that provision since such measures formed part of the "complementary Community law" and, as such, fell within the jurisdiction of the court.

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Weekly Dividend table with columns: MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN, Total Year.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares steady

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Jan 13. Dealings End, Jan 24. Contango Day, Jan 27. Settlement Day, Feb 3. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

Main stock exchange price table with columns: 1985 High, Low, Company, Price, Change, Dividend, Yield, P/E. Includes sections for A-E, E-K, FINANCE AND LAND, FOODS, HOTELS AND CATERERS, INDUSTRIALS A-D, L-R, S-Z, OIL, OVERSEAS TRADERS, PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G, LEISURE, MINING, SHIPPING, SHOES AND LEATHER, TEXTILES, TOBACCOS, and NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS.

THE TIMES Portfolio WEEKLY DIVIDEND £2,000 CLAIMS REQUIRED FOR +42 POINTS

OVERSEAS TRADERS table with columns: Fund Name, Price, Dividend, Yield, P/E.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUSTS INFORMATION SERVICE

Main table containing financial data for various unit trusts, including columns for fund names, managers, and performance metrics.

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

Table listing unit-linked insurance investments with columns for investment names, managers, and performance data.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The pound ended slightly weaker, while the dollar closed mixed in cautious and thin trading yesterday. There was little trading and most dealers had squared their positions ahead of the weekend.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES table with columns for currency, spot rate, and forward rates for various periods.

OTHER STERLING RATES and DOLLAR SPOT RATES tables listing rates for various international currencies.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Period rates spent much of yesterday marking time ahead of this week's Group of Five meeting. They mostly ended 1/4 per cent higher compared with the previous close.

Fears grew as the day wore on that an inconclusive statement from the Group of Five might have a negative effect on the market, with sterling still vulnerable to oil price worries.

Table of overnight and term rates for various currencies, including the overnight rate at 12-11/2 per cent.

Table of gold prices and interest rates, including the London Gold price at \$375.50 per ounce.

WALL STREET

Prices opened mixed in active trading on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose 14.34 to 1541.63 on Thursday, was down 0.34 to 1541.28 soon after the market opened.

Table of stock prices for major companies on Wall Street, including IBM, AT&T, and General Electric.

COMPANY NEWS

IN BRIEF

F. COPSON: For the half-year to Oct 31, with figures in £000, turnover was 3,550 (3,236), while the pretax profit was 54 (50). Earnings per share were 0.92p (0.77p).

APPLE TREE: For the year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 14,125 (13,432), while the pretax profit was 738 (569). Earnings per share were 10.39p (7.17p). A total dividend of 1p (nil) is being paid on Feb 28.

MEPCO: The company has bought the 35 per cent minority held by three life assurance companies, valued at about £2.25 million in Threadneedle Property in which MEPCO held 65 per cent. The price will be the issue of 2.25 million new ordinary shares in MEPCO.

REINVESTMENT TRUST: For the year to Nov 30, with figures in £000, gross revenue was 4,774 (4,597), while the pretax profit was 4,121 (4,011). Earnings per share were 9.1p (9.45p). A final dividend of 5p (5.25p) is being paid, making a total of 10.5p (9.5p).

KINGSLEY AND FORESTER GROUP: The acquisition of Downex Bedding and Jaymon (Manchester) have been completed and 483,871 new ordinary shares have been issued to the vendors.

VOGELTRUIBSBULT: The pretax profit for 1985 was £9.67 million (£2.86 million) against a loss of £13.00 million in the previous year. The total dividend is being raised from 16 to 30 cents a share.

REY: For the half-year to Dec 31, pretax profit rose from £6.45 million to £7.51 million (£2.22 million). The interim dividend is being raised from 2.3 to 3.0 cents a share, to reduce the disparity between payments.

GOLD FIELDS PROPERTY: Pretax profits increased from £4.36 million to £5.31 million (£1.57 million) in the six months to Dec 31. The interim dividend is going up from 9 to 12 cents.

REUTERS: The subsidiary, Visnews, has a new partner for its Brighton Satellite Community Company. Samuel Broad-casting of Los Angeles, US, has acquired a 50 per cent shareholding in Brighton, which is the largest transatlantic satellite television operator in 1985. Reuters will be the majority shareholder in Visnews by increasing its holding from 33 to 55 per cent.

EDMONTON TRUST: The company has bought a 77.5 per cent head leasehold interest in Phase 2 of the Edmonton Green shopping centre, London for £1.7 million, secured by the issue of 4,945,455 ordinary shares at 34p.

TEMPUS Granada-Ladbroke link holds promise for both

The best takeovers are those which are disguised as mergers. The proposed link between Granada and Ladbroke is no exception. In theory the deal looks excellent, and perhaps its only problem is that it lacks the overt hostility and aggression which seem to typify the more popular City deals these days.

However, the absence of confrontation should not deter investors from examining the consequences of such a link-up. The absence of a bid premium, because there is no bid, should not induce investors in either company to dismiss the negotiations out of hand.

The fact is that both Granada and Ladbroke have served their shareholders very well in their own right in the past and will continue to do so in the future, merger or not. What is on offer at the moment is for both sets of shareholders to take in a much stronger and more efficient organization.

There is obvious synergy in the merger in that both companies already operate in similar businesses. But this is complemented further by the profile of the individual operations which both groups oversee.

In particular, both Ladbroke and Granada have solid cash flows which can support their more cash-hungry development programmes which offer the growth opportunities of the future. So while TV and video rental and off-track betting are widely regarded as mature businesses, both direct broadcast by satellite and cable television are not. Put the two groups together and the scope for expansion looks that much more attractive. Investors should examine the merits of the link-up more closely. It would be easy to sit back and say that without a bid premium there is no deal, but such an approach ignores the long term potential of the liaison.

Perhaps the most unfortunate aspect of the proposed merger is that it is already under open public discussion, even though there are no formal propositions to put to shareholders. It is, therefore, impossible to assess what the IBA will make of a deal which brings together Granada TV and a 30 per cent stake in Central.

It will become clearer as the negotiations progress. But for the time being shareholders in both Granada and Ladbroke can do no more than sit tight and hope that the ultimate logic of the deal prevails.

The fact that the Government Broker suddenly decided to attack this segment of the gilt market implies perhaps that the authorities have no confidence in the Department for National Savings' capacity to meet its targets with its existing portfolio of savings instruments.

The fate of the £30 million offer by The Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries for Davenport's now rests with its existing portfolio of savings instruments.

Lazard Brothers will no doubt spell out the options. These are to retain the holding which, on the basis of an unchanged dividend for the current year, will produce an income of around £150,000. Or they can accept the offer from Wolverhampton & Dudley, handing control of the company over to the aggressors and pocket a cheque for about £6.4 million. They should not have too much trouble turning this into an income of around £600,000 a year.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table of London financial futures prices for various contracts including three-month sterling and three-month eurodollar.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table of investment trusts with columns for company name, price, and yield.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table of financial trusts including Aberdeen & Yorkshire, Anglo-Saxon, and others.

APPOINTMENTS

Barham Group: Mr Nigel Williams Wray and Mr David Cocks have joined the main board.

Northbourne Developments: Mr Roger Brock will become managing director on February 1.

STOCK MARKET REPORT Extel shares jump 20p on bid speculation

Shares in Extel Group were back in the limelight yesterday, the price jumping to 356p at one stage before settling for a 20p gain at 350p.

Market men considered that Dr Ashraf Marwan was back buying shares, taking his stake above 10 per cent. Only last week he revealed the increase of his holding to 9.12 per cent.

Dr Marwan, son-in-law of the late President Nasser of Egypt, has been buying into Extel since last June, and the City has been waiting all these months to see a full bid emerge for the racing and financial information to advertising group. Though it is possible Dr Marwan will make a bid directly, most observers think he will simply sell his stake to a predator.

That is certainly his style - he dealt astutely last year in shares in Fleet Holdings, the newspaper group which finally went to United Newspapers in November.

The City believes a bidder for Extel will step forward next week, though guesses about the offer price range widely. At yesterday's price level the shares are already highly valued - with a p/e of more than 20 - and some speculators might find they have over-estimated the eagerness of any bidder.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices for various goods including rubber, sugar, and coffee.

Table of metal exchange prices for various metals like copper, zinc, and lead.

Table of meat and livestock prices for various types of meat.

Table of grain prices for various types of grain like wheat and soyabean.





FAMILY MONEY 2

Discount way to avoid unit trust trouble

The trouble with most unit trust advisory services is that the managers have a built-in incentive to switch your investments - they generate commission this way. However, a new service launched by stockbrokers Montagu Loebli Stanley avoids this potential difficulty by charging a flat annual fee, and retaining commission generated by switching to the investor in the form of a discount on the price at which units are purchased. Fees charged will be 0.5 per cent a year on the value of the portfolio, with a minimum fee of £100.

The case of the critical consumers

It is not only the City that has expressed doubts about the self-regulatory framework proposed in the Financial Services Bill, which received its Second Reading in the Commons this week. The Consumers' Association has "growing doubts" about the effectiveness of the regime proposed in the Bill, particularly in respect of the composition and powers of the board planned for the top of the regulatory tree.

£2m for care

Green Park Health Care plans to raise nearly £2 million to develop long-term nursing facilities for elderly people during the next five years. The company, under the chairmanship of the former Dunlop boss Sir Campbell Fraser, has just been launched as a business expansion scheme. The first stage of the plan includes the conversion of Downlands at Haywards Heath, West Sussex, which is already owned by Green Park, into a 45-bed nursing home and the purchase of a 23-bed nursing home at Farnham, Surrey. The company envisages eventually creating campus-style accommodation for 400 elderly people around large country houses standing in their own grounds.

The offer, which is being sponsored by Pointon & Co. of Ladbroke Grove, will close on February 24. Details from Pointon on Haywards Heath 414097 or Ashford (Kent) 38832.

All the concessions

The Inland Revenue has wide discretion to allow certain deductions against profits before calculating corporation tax liability. There are also many concessions on capital allowances and capital gains taxes and a complete review of these concessions has just been published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants - Inland Revenue Concessions and Practice. The material has been obtained from many sources, including Inland Revenue booklets, notes of meetings between the Institute and the Revenue and press releases, and it contains all known concessions, practices and other official pronouncements referring to corporation tax, capital allowances and capital gains tax up to the beginning of December 1985.

Copies of the book can be obtained at £12.50 from the Institute of Chartered Accountants, 399 Regent House, 399 St. Giles, Central Milton Keynes MK9 2HL.

Prosper pensions

Pensions advisers Richards Longstaff have launched a new self-employed pension scheme which will invest in units chosen from Save & Prosper's range of 28 pension funds. The idea is that Save & Prosper looks after the day-to-day selection of shares



'I keep getting this feeling that I'm a rampaging closet monetarist'

within each unitized pension fund, but Richards Longstaff will select the mix of funds. The drawback is, of course, that you are limited to Save & Prosper's units. Plenty of fund managers already offer a similar facility but the difference is that you have to make your own decision on which of their funds to invest in. Ideally, those interested in taking an active hand in the management of their pension assets would be free to switch units between investment houses, as well as between the different funds managed by the firm.

Details: Richards Longstaff, Broad Quay House, Broad Quay, Bristol BS1 4DJ (Bristol 294313).

Northern thrift

The notion that northern folk are canny over money appears to have some substance. Research carried out on behalf of Yorkshire Television reveals that more than two-thirds of adults in the region have a bank account and more than half have a building society account with a high proportion of people able to save. Seven out of 10 Yorkshire men and women have some form of insurance or assurance, while 50 per cent of the adult population belongs to a pension scheme.

The most popular ways of saving money in Yorkshire apart from through banks and building societies, are in Premium Bonds, which are held by one-third of adults, or through the Post Office, which is used by 18 per cent.

Good for a year

If you are prepared to lock your money away for a year, you might try the Guaranteed Income Bond offered by R. J. Temple, which provides an annual income of 10.5 per cent net for the basic rate taxpayer. The minimum investment is at the fairly low level of £1,000, and the bond is underwritten by Premium Life Assurance. Anyone of 12 or over can buy one. R. J. Temple says that the yield is the highest it has ever offered since it marketed special issues of its own bond in 1982. Investors can also take a monthly income but receive a marginally lower rate - 10.1 per cent net. Overall, the low entry level and high guaranteed rate of return makes this a good deal at the moment - provided interest rates do not move up again.

Details: R. J. Temple, 37 Grand Parade, Brighton BN2 2QA (Brighton 673136).

Cheap from Chase

Chase de Vere home loans at 12.5 per cent are available from investment advisers Chase de Vere with a minimum loan of £30,000 and a maximum of £250,000. You can borrow up to twice the main earner's income plus once the partner's income. Where both partners are qualified professionals, and aged over 30, the multiple increases to three times the joint incomes - but you pay a premium of 13.25 per cent for this money.

Full details: Chase de Vere, 125 Pall Mall, London SW1 (01-930 7242).

Parents' guide

A free guide on the effects of recent proposed changes in student entitlements to housing, supplementary and other benefits is being produced by the National Union of Students. The "parent pack" is, according to Vicki Phillips, the union's vice-president for welfare, a new venture for this organization. She says: "They (parents) are obviously concerned about the fact that these proposals could cost their kids hundreds of pounds, and as usual the Government is expecting parents to foot the bill."

The free parent pack is available from the NUS, 461 Holloway Road, London N7 6LJ. Requests should be marked "Parent Pack" on the envelope and accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

Kuwait cash

The United Bank of Kuwait might not be the first place you think of when you want a mortgage, but the bank is certainly in the market for home loans. The rate charged at the moment is 12.5 per cent (APR 13.2 per cent) and loans start from £30,001. Repayment, endowment and pension mortgages are considered. For loans of up to £50,000 UKR will lend up to 80 per cent of valuation, and over £57,250, the bank advances a maximum of 70 per cent. In between these two figures the most you can get is £40,000.

Details: The Manager, Mortgage Branch, United Bank of Kuwait Ltd, 15 Baker Street, London W1M 2EB (01-936 1365).

Paying for dying

Sorry to be gloomy, but the National Association of Funeral Directors has launched a funeral expenses plan in

conjunction with Windsor Life Assurance. It allows you to plan in advance to meet the costs of your own funeral. Benefits accumulating under the plan, according to the association's president, Robert Pargeter, will increase by up to 10 per cent a year. The level of payments to the plan is fixed at the outset. "More and more people now face the task of planning their eventual funeral and the means of paying for it. Many are anxious that the cost should not fall on their dependants," says Mr Pargeter.

Details: Windsor Life, Royal Albert House, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1BE.

Fewer failures

The numbers of businesses going bust are at least slowing, with a 3 per cent decline in the statistics of business failures for 1985. "This is the first annual fall in the number of failures notified since 1979 and it occurred with a remarkable lag of four years after the start of the upswing in total economic activity in mid-1981," says Ted Indermity, which compiles the figures. However, there are big variations. Building and construction companies reported an 18 per cent increase in business failures, while engineering and metals failures showed a 15 per cent decline.

Britain is tops with new fund

INVESTMENT

Martin Rasch, manager of Perpetual's European Growth Fund which is being launched this weekend, is set to give European fund managers a geography lesson. Britain, he believes, is a part of Europe and deserves a dominant place in the fund.

Initially, UK investments will take about a third of the fund, with only West Germany taking a larger slice of the investment - about 35 per cent. The rest of the investments will be spread rather thinly over Europe, with France and Switzerland accounting for 8 per cent apiece, Italy and the Netherlands 6 per cent each and a tiny amount elsewhere.

Perpetual believes the outlook for the UK is rosy and it would be foolish to deny European investors access to the more than 2,400 companies quoted on the UK stock market which boosts the range of possible European investments by 50 per cent.

Some other European unit trusts, such as Hill Samuel European, have the option of investing in Britain but have not done so, while others are barred by their trust deed. Britain's European fund has 8 per cent and is limited to a maximum of 10 per cent.

Mr Rasch has won his European spurs on the Perpetual International Growth Fund which now has about a quarter of its funds invested in Europe, and as much in the UK.



'If you're hoping to take out one of our life insurances, you'd better change your description of fatalist as your occupation'

Advertisement for 'MORE MONTHLY INCOME! GUARANTEED TAX FREE\*'. Includes a table showing average monthly income from 1980/1 to 1984/5, and contact information for R.J. Temple & Company.

Large advertisement for 'ONE STOP SHOPPING FROM SAVE & PROSPER'. Features an illustration of a shopping mall and text describing investment opportunities, including 'THE ONLY UNIT TRUST YOU'LL EVER NEED.' and 'A PRICE TAG TO FIT THE BILL.'

Advertisement for 'BRITANNIA JERSEY GILT FUND LIMITED'. Features a large '12.7%' interest rate and a '1% BONUS OFFER upto 28th February 1986'. Includes details about the fund and contact information for Britannia International.

Form for 'MASTERFUND' investment application. Includes fields for name, address, and investment details, along with a section for 'FURTHER DETAILS' and a signature line.



FAMILY MONEY/4

# who beat the professionals



Dawn Savery, under-18 winner, encouraged by father, and Chandrakant Shah, professional-class winner, first go

deficit was a big issue at the beginning of 1985 but the markets now seem to be saying that they are prepared to live with it.

"He acknowledges that he missed the European bandwagon in 1985 but now sees no sense in jumping on. "We remain bullish of the United States - what narked up 1985 was the currency," he says.

He also complains of "sheep-like" unit trust managers, too timid to hedge the currency risk - or doing too little too late.

He cites the case of M & G,

which decided to hedge its currency risk at precisely the right time. But he says: "They were too timid. They hedged only 30 per cent. Timidity is the word which sums up hedging by unit trust managers."

But he thinks the dollar-pound relationship will be much more stable in 1986 and believes there is still a lot to go for in the United States. He sees little movement in the commodity sector, however, but believes that now might just be the time to take a gamble in gold.

Jamie Berry is alone among the professional advisers with the distinction of having picked the top-performing unit trust, Oppenheimer European Growth - but only as his second choice.

Like the other two he says: "It was the currency management that let us down. Both Fidelity and Henderson admit that they got the currency wrong and it cost both funds a lot of performance." These were his first and third choices.

"Short of voting with your feet and selling your holdings,

there was not a lot to be done," he says. "In the case of Fidelity they hedged too little and too late."

He complains that unit trust managers are nervous of exchange rate movements: "I think they should take a view and stick to it. Where they go wrong is when they change their minds."

"What is he tipping for 1986? "I'm very reluctant to tip the States again," he says.

He believes that if the US market does turn in a good performance, there will be other smaller markets that will do even better. "People forget that the US market has already had a tremendous run and I prefer Europe this year," he points out.

Trailing in fourth position this year is Charles Fry, who picked Gartmore Hong Kong as his first choice - well down in the performance charts, at 625th place. He retires and is replaced by a new investment adviser on our panel, which will be revealing its selections for 1986 on Saturday, February.

In the meantime, don't miss the opportunity to enter The Times Unit Trust Competition 1986 and win £500. Rules and entry form will be published for two more Saturdays.

Lorna Bourke

COMPETITION WINNERS

| General  | Professional advisers  | Under 18s  |
|--|--|--|
| Mr B Wood<br>Mr D Lewis<br>Mr C F M Johnson  | Mr O D Shah<br>Mr D D Tasey<br>Mr N J Fisher   | Ms D Savery<br>Mr A C W Peck<br>Mr M B Patel   |
| Their Choices and Values at December 31, 1985  |  |  |
| Mr B Wood<br>Oppenheimer European Growth (1st)<br>Mercury European (2nd)<br>TSB Selected Opportunities (3rd) | Mr O D Shah<br>TR Special Opportunities (1st)<br>Henderson Financial (2nd)<br>HS Special Situations (3rd)        | Ms D Savery<br>Murray European (1st)<br>Prudential Technology (2nd)<br>Fidelity Japan (3rd)                        |
| 164.7<br>148.8<br>110.8  | 192.7<br>134.7<br>112.8  | 152.1<br>79.5<br>88.2  |
| 424.9  | 407.2  | 319.9  |
| Mr D Lewis<br>Oppenheimer European Growth (1st)<br>Mercury European (2nd)<br>Fidelity Japan (3rd)            | Mr D D Tasey<br>Mercury European (1st)<br>Schroder Jan Strk Companies (2nd)<br>Fidelity Special Situations (3rd) | Mr A C W Peck<br>TR Special Opportunities (1st)<br>Cheltenham Unit Companies (2nd)<br>Esmington Extra Income (3rd) |
| 164.7<br>148.8<br>88.2   | 148.8<br>135.3<br>122.4  | 140.3<br>121.8<br>97.3   |
| 402.5  | 407.2  | 372.3  |
| Mr C F M Johnson<br>Oppenheimer European Growth (1st)<br>Henderson European (2nd)<br>Schroder European (3rd) | Mr N J Fisher<br>Mercury European (1st)<br>F & C American (2nd)<br>Antony High Yield Equity (3rd)                | Mr M B Patel<br>Schroder Jan Strk Companies (1st)<br>Framlington Extra Income (2nd)<br>M & G High Income (3rd)     |
| 164.7<br>141.8<br>135.3  | 148.8<br>84.2<br>118.9   | 135.5<br>121.8<br>123.1  |
| 442.3  | 360.7  | 380.4  |

\* Choices were taken over by Baltic Asset Management and the Smaller Companies fund merged with Baltic Special Situations, which came 374th overall.

## HOW TO ENTER

Enter The Times Unit Trust Competition, 1986 and you could win £500, £250 and £100. There are three categories - General, Professional Adviser and Under 18s and there will be three prizes in each. Just pick the unit trust you believe will outperform all others during the coming months to the end of the year. To help you make your choice we are including this week, and for the next two weeks, the performance figures showing how unit trusts fared over the period of our competition last year. Next week there will be another entry form and on February 1, we will also be revealing what our panel of experts are tipping for the coming year. Just fill in the entry form below.

You are allowed three choices but only your first choice will be considered unless there is a tie, in which case second and third selections will be taken into account. In the unlikely event that there is still more than one winner, the tie-breaker will be invoked. Only entries on official entry forms will be accepted and they must arrive at *The Times* not later than February 4, 1986.

### The Times Unit Trust Competition 1986 Rules

1. Competitors are invited to use their skill and judgment to select three UK authorized unit trusts (not offshore funds) in existence as at January 1986 which they believe will outperform all others during 1986.
2. Competitors will be required to make a first, second and third choice, but the winner will be the competitor whose first choice is the best performing unit trust. Second and third choices will be taken into account in the event of a tie. In the event of there still being more than one winner the tie-breaker will be invoked.
3. Entries will be limited to one per person and must be made on official entry forms printed in *The Times*. Photocopies are not acceptable.
4. Opening prices will be those published on Saturday, February 1, 1986. Closing prices will be those of Wednesday December 31, 1985.
5. In the event of unit trusts merging, final performance will be calculated as performance to the date of merger, plus performance of the merged trust to the end of the competition period.
6. Performance will be monitored by *Planned Savings* magazine and is based on an offer-to-offer price basis, net income reinvested.
7. Entries must be received by Tuesday, February 4, at the office of *The Times*.
8. Proof of posting will not be accepted as evidence of receipt.
9. Employees of News International, *Times Newspapers*, and their families are not eligible to enter.
10. The editors' decision in all matters is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

ENTRY FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

The unit trust I believe will perform best in 1986 is: \_\_\_\_\_  
First choice: 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_

Category (Please tick appropriate line)  
 General  Professional Adviser  Under 18 years

The Breaker: I estimate that the value of £100 invested in the unit trust of my first choice will be worth £\_\_\_\_\_ (net income reinvested) on Wednesday, December 31, 1986.

Send your completed entry form to: *Times Newspapers Ltd*, PO Box 7, New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EZ. To arrive not later than February 4, 1986.

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FAMILY MONEY/6

Think twice before tying the knot

MARRIAGE

The silliest financial mistake I ever made was undoubtedly my decision not to have a wedding. I got married (mind you, perhaps that was the silliest thing), but I did not do it properly...



Parents pay for weddings (well, usually) but it is the offspring who pick up the goodies... and I have spent the past 11 years trying to find the time and the money to collect a 50-piece-dinner service, a dozen matching crystal goblets, a comprehensive range of Sabatier knives and the complete Elizabeth II set...

Trying to assess marriage as an investment sounds a fairly mercenary and definitely American kind of notion, but there is nothing particularly novel about it. The map of Europe might today look rather different were it not for crucial dynastic marriages...

asset, always the best deal. Unless they still cannot tell Stark from butter-most wives hanker after working outside the home and earning their own money. Looked at from the point of view of tax efficiency...

One in three now end in divorce

In fact, the only sound investment inducement for a well-heeled couple to get married at all is to avoid capital transfer tax - money and other assets can pass between spouses free of tax even if you tie the knot at the very last minute...

relief - and they pay nothing in tax. What about the security of the investment? One in three marriages these days ends in the divorce courts...

Well-heeled couples should not wed

You can, of course, come out of marriage a good deal richer than you went into it, provided you pick a wealthy spouse who will be expected to pay you off with a house or two if things go wrong...

couple can get the married man's personal allowance of £3,455 plus wife's earned income allowance of £2,205 if they are taxed on a joint basis. Couples earning more than £25,000 are not going to be any worse off married since they can be taxed separately and each get a single person's allowance...

Well-heeled couples should not wed

unlike earned income, is always taxed jointly, and at the husband's highest rate. So the tax bill could be substantially higher than if you were both single. Marriage is a particularly bad investment for the non-earning wife with investment income - she doesn't even get a tax allowance.

If you're about to invest in a pension plan make sure it's the best on the market.

Table comparing pension plans: Allied Dinbar, Equitable, Scottish Amicable, Confed. Life, Scottish Widows, Target Managed Fund. Includes columns for value of fund over 10 years and amount invested.

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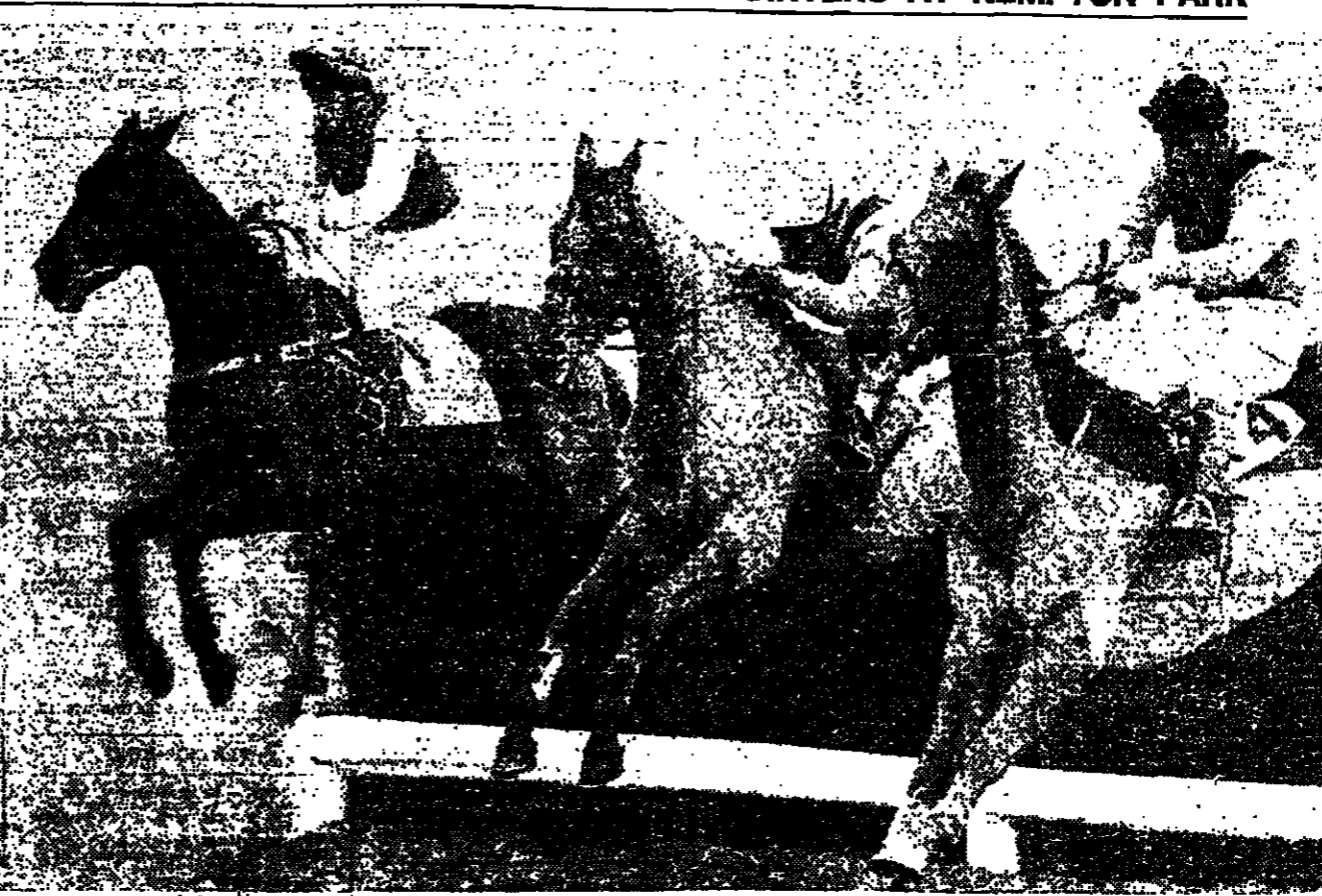
Combs Ditch the solution to Haydock's puzzle

Good jumpers are out in force today, most notably at Haydock Park where the first three races should all have a bearing on subsequent events during the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham in March...

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Pride three lengths behind, only to see you then got the better of him in our ultimate fixture test for hurdlers. However, this winter he has not fared as well...

defy anyone to name a more open race this season than the latest qualifier for the Coral Golden Hurdle final which will be run at Cheltenham in March...



Castle Warden (left) taking the measure of Membridge (centre) and Co Member at Kempton (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

See You Then in shape for Oteley Hurdle

Earlier, racegoers saw a possible future champion competing over hurdles for the first time with the Fred Whitehead-trained Jasper...

Castle Warden (left) taking the measure of Membridge (centre) and Co Member at Kempton (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

It will be a promising performance by the five-year-old, bought by Nicholas de Rothschild, who has retired from his racing career...

At the same time the senior steward will emphasize that the Jockey Club supported unanimously by every section of the racing and betting industry...

Fairhaven leads tax talks with Treasury

The Jockey Club's case for the abolition of on-course betting duty will be presented to the Treasury Minister, Peter Brooke, at a meeting next Tuesday by the senior steward, Lord Fairhaven...

Carlisle in doubt

Racing at Catterick yesterday was called off because of frost. Today's meeting there hinges on a 7.30 am inspection. Milder weather was forecast overnight...

HAYDOCK PARK

Racing program for Haydock Park including race times, names of horses, and jockeys. Races include Premier Long Distance Hurdle and Peter Marsh Chase.

KEMPTON PARK

Racing program for Kempton Park including race times, names of horses, and jockeys. Races include Bic Razor Novice Chase and Kempton Handicap.

Quilantaro a 33-1 shock

Chilren-bred Quilantaro a winner after seven years on the flat in his home county prang a 33-1 surprise on his second outing over timber and gave his Stratford-on-Avon trainer, Charles Vernon...

WARWICK

Racing program for Warwick including race times, names of horses, and jockeys. Races include Beauchamp Hurdle and Bosworth Novice Chase.

Catterick selections

Selections for Catterick races, listing horse names and jockeys.

Haydock selections

Selections for Haydock races, listing horse names and jockeys.

Kempton selections

Selections for Kempton races, listing horse names and jockeys.

Kempton results

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Warwick selections

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Blackburn Handicap Chase

Table for Blackburn Handicap Chase with race details and selections.

Preston Novice Chase

Table for Preston Novice Chase with race details and selections.

Towcester

Table for Towcester races with race details and selections.

Catterick selections

Selections for Catterick races, listing horse names and jockeys.

Bedale Novice Hurdle

Table for Bedale Novice Hurdle with race details and selections.

Garswood Novice Hurdle

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Hampton Amateur Riders Novice Chase

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Middlesex Novice Hurdle

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Welling Handicap Hurdle

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Cowton Handicap Hurdle

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Leeming Handicap Chase

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Saturday Weekend television and radio programmes Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.55 With the Whip (r) 6.55 Hunter's Gold. Episodic... 8.00 Saturday Super-Store... 12.10 Grandstand... 1.40 Rugby Union preview... 5.05 News with Ian Leeming... 5.50 Match of the Day... 7.20 Strike It Rich! Episode three... 11.55 Film: From Beyond the Grave...

TV-am

6.55 Good Morning Britain... 7.30 The Wide Awake Club... 9.25 No 73. The guests include... 12.00 News with Carol Barnes... 1.20 Benson... 1.50 Film: The Thief of Bagdad... 3.45 The WFA World... 4.45 News with Carol Barnes... 5.50 News with Carol Barnes... 6.45 Les and Dustin's Laughter Show... 7.20 Strike It Rich! Episode three... 8.00 News and Sport... 9.15 Film: Come (1977)... 11.05 Match of the Day... 11.55 Film: From Beyond the Grave...



Bela Lugosi and Carol Borland: Mark of the Vampire (Channel 4, 11.00pm). And Bernard Miles and John Gielgud: Person's Pleasure (TV, 9.15pm)

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax... 9.00 Open University... 9.30 Film: Rachel and the Stranger... 3.35 Film: The Red Pony... 5.00 News summary... 5.45 Deutscher direkt... 6.10 NewsView... 7.00 NewsView... 7.40 NewsView... 8.30 NewsView... 10.05 NewsView... 11.00 NewsView... 11.55 NewsView...

CHANNEL 4

1.05 Channel Four Reading... 3.00 Film: Rome Express... 4.40 Film: City of Gold... 5.05 NewsView... 6.00 NewsView... 7.30 On a Wing and a Prayer... 8.30 NewsView... 10.00 NewsView... 11.00 NewsView... 11.55 NewsView...

BBC 1

6.55 Play School... 10.10 Asian Magazine... 10.55 Deutscher direkt... 12.25 NewsView... 1.00 NewsView... 3.10 Film: Father Goose... 5.05 NewsView... 5.35 The Living Jales... 6.15 You Are What You Eat... 6.25 NewsView... 6.30 NewsView... 6.40 NewsView... 7.15 NewsView... 7.45 NewsView... 8.40 NewsView... 10.10 NewsView... 11.00 NewsView... 11.55 NewsView...

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6.55 Good Morning Britain... 8.30 The Sunday Programme... 9.25 Wake Up London... 10.00 Morning Worship... 12.00 NewsView... 1.00 NewsView... 2.00 NewsView... 2.30 NewsView... 3.00 NewsView... 3.30 NewsView... 4.00 NewsView... 4.30 NewsView... 5.00 NewsView... 5.30 NewsView... 6.00 NewsView... 6.30 NewsView... 7.00 NewsView... 7.30 NewsView... 8.00 NewsView... 8.30 NewsView... 9.00 NewsView... 9.30 NewsView... 10.00 NewsView... 10.30 NewsView... 11.00 NewsView... 11.55 NewsView...



Alan Bowyer with the Lilliputian boat in the first episode of The Return of the Antelope (ITV London, 5.00pm. Times vary elsewhere)

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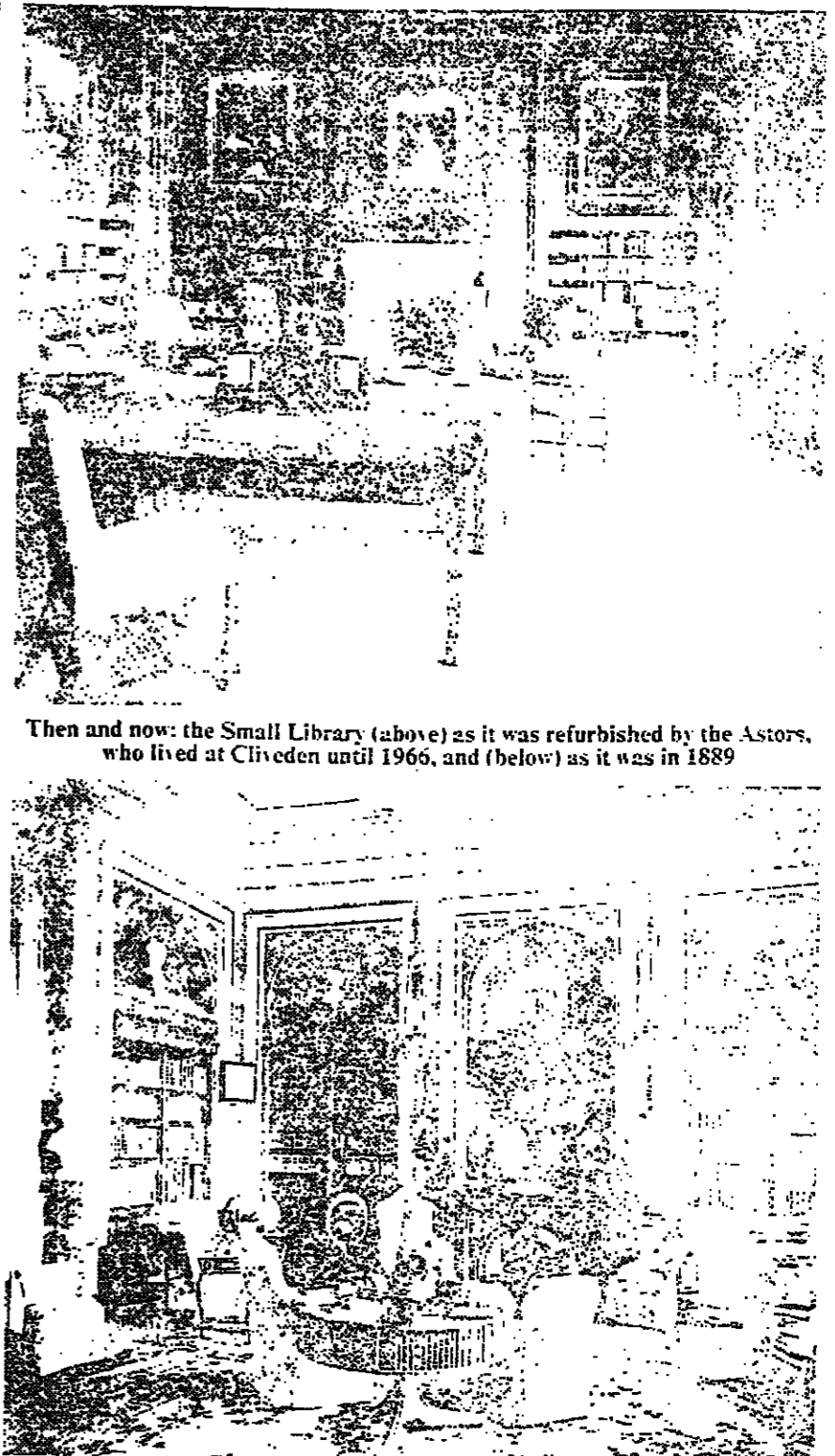
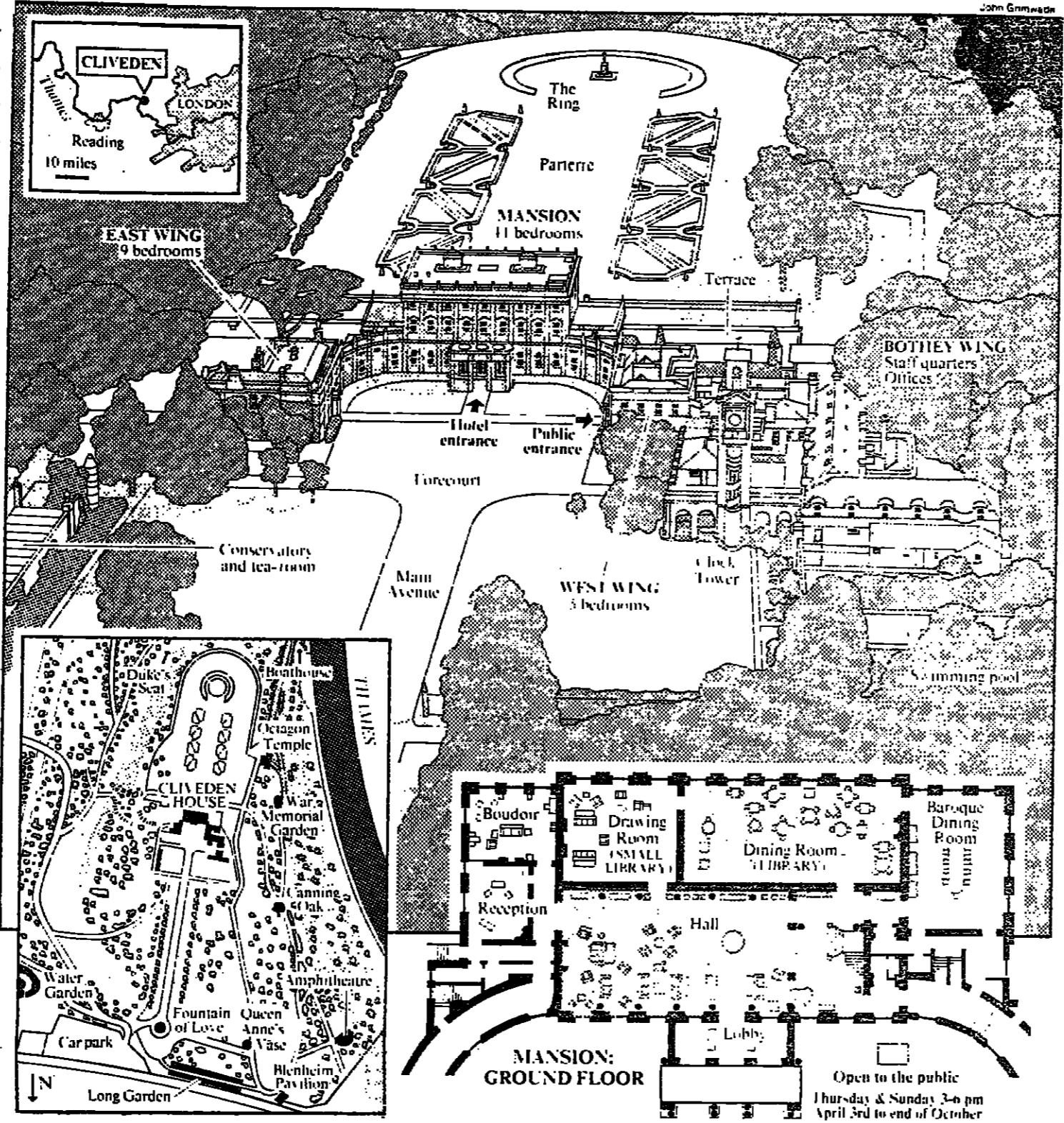
SATURDAY

A weekly guide to leisure, entertainment and the arts

Now Cliveden's guests will have to pay

From next month, a unique hotel venture will offer the chance to live like a lord in a great stately home. William Greaves checks in...

To hand one's luggage to a footman, have it unpacked by a personal valet and be steered by the butler towards the gracious hospitality of one of Britain's most stately homes used to be the prerogative of the supremely well-connected. From next month all one has to be rich. For the fortunate couple who can afford around £200 to take bed and breakfast in the ghostly company of princes, prime ministers and fabled lions of art and literature, it will be hailed as a milestone along the road towards the ultimate aristocratic peep-show. For those of more modest purse it will be what it was originally and overtly intended to be - an outrageously flamboyant embodiment of privilege and life's inequities. Cliveden, that pleasure-dome of Xanadu proportions on the banks of the River Thames, an unabashed shrine to hereditary wealth, is about to become an hotel. Or, to be more accurate, an hotel is about to become Cliveden. For the lifestyle of Nancy and Waldorf Astor, whose invitation cards became the most sought-after mementoes of decoration throughout the first half of this century, has been recreated in almost theatrical detail. Only now it is for cash rather than cachet. The new arrival who looks around him for the reception desk or the porter's lodge will do so in vain. The guest who asks the way to the restaurant will be pointed politely towards the dining room. Once there, if he demands a menu he will be told what dishes the chef has prepared this day and given a small card merely as an aide-memoire - whoever expected a menu at a house party? And if he persists in referring to the butlers and footmen as waiters then perhaps he would have been better booking into Cliveden's after all. International hotel guides are, of course, littered with establishments which were, in grander times, maharajah's welcome them to Cliveden, palaces, Scottish chieftain's another will spirit away their castles, French chateaux or South American replicas of a second door into the main hall Parthenon. In every case, however, the day they became



Then and now: the Small Library (above) as it was refurbished by the Astors, who lived at Cliveden until 1966, and (below) as it was in 1889

hotels the architecture of their previous grandeur became merely a shell to house the conventional trappings of their new role. In making not one concession to any such mundane vulgarity, the Cliveden experiment is unique. From the moment guests pass the main gates and begin their drive through 375 acres of landscaped garden, their arrival will be expected. They will sign no register and hand over no credentials. One footman will welcome them to Cliveden, another will spirit away their car. Then they will pass through a second door into the main hall Parthenon. In every case, however, the day they became

The first question to hotel manager John Sinclair - he is, it seems almost unnecessary to reveal, the Honourable John Sinclair, old Etonian and heir to Viscount Thurso - came from one whose underwear had never previously been subjected to a valet's scrutiny, nor had his X-registered Vauxhall Cavalier parked by a liveried footman. Are we mere commoners going to prove equal to such a lordly environment? "We could have done things in a way which would have left people feeling uncomfortable and constantly wondering whether they were behaving correctly," says Sinclair. "Instead, we hope and believe that we've found a formula which will make them feel that they should have been living this way all their lives. "When we write to confirm reservations we will give them an idea of what to expect and offer a little guidance - guidance, mark you, not instruction. For instance, although we only insist on jackets and ties for men in the evening we know that quite a few guests will choose to wear black tie, so we advise them of this. It doesn't mean they have to wear dinner jackets if they don't want to but it does mean they will be prepared for what they will find. It is perhaps ironic that Cliveden, so archetypally English in style, tradition and setting, should, in its heyday,

have been funded by American money - the first Viscount Astor's great grandfather was a German emigre who made a fortune in the North American fur trade - and that its 1986 sequel should be largely due to the entrepreneurial audacity of a Swedish-born hotelier. Yet John Tham, 44-year-old managing director of Blakeney Hotels, the company responsible for transforming a run-down Bath boarding house into the now magnificent Royal Crescent Hotel, is the first to admit that when he was told the National Trust was looking for a tenant for Cliveden he was reluctant to waste his time even walking round the place. "I thought it was a ridiculous idea", he says. "It was only the persuasion of one of my co-directors, Gerald Pell, that got me to take a look at it. Within fifteen minutes of getting there it was as clear as daylight that here was a house made for entertaining. To all intents and purposes, the building was an hotel. "But we knew the National Trust would have to be very brave to accept us. For them it would clearly be a first. They needed to be highly imaginative to prefer our proposal to one they had already received from a major international company, with enormous assets, which wanted to turn it into offices. They were - and we've worked wonderfully well together ever since."

The deal was struck 10 months after Tham's first visit, in April, 1984. Blakeney Hotels would pay annual rent of around £80,000 for a 45-year lease and the National Trust would continue to maintain the grounds, to which the public would be admitted from the beginning of March to the end of December, between 11am and 6pm. At all other times, hotel guests would have exclusive use of the gardens. Since then the financial statistics have been almost as impressive as Cliveden itself. The National Trust has paid out £750,000 on the first major renovation of the main fabric of the house since it was designed and built by Sir Charles Barry for the Duke of Sutherland in 1850; Blakeney has spent £2.2 million on a lavish and historically authentic refit of the interior, and art treasures worth at least £1.5 million (the John Singer Sargent portrait of Nancy Astor alone would probably fetch £1 million on the open market) have been lent by the Astor family, the National Trust and private collectors. The result of all this is almost decadent magnificence. When asked what the price of a room will be, John Sinclair reverses the usual selling strategy, and replies with a smile: "From

£480 a night downwards". That is the rate for the Astor Suite, whose ground area is exactly double the entire three-bedroom flat which Sinclair and his family occupied in Paris during his recent tenure as manager of the Lancaster Hotel. "Some people have asked me how I can possibly justify our scale of room charges. They say that before they have been on a tour of the building, no one has ever said it afterwards. It is not difficult to see how the sceptics are won over. Apart from the size and majesty of the main reception rooms, each bedroom - there are 27 of them - retains the luxurious individuality enjoyed by such guests as Winston Churchill, Rudyard Kipling, George Bernard Shaw and Lawrence of Arabia in the house's halcyon days. Each "ordinary" double room (£180 per night) measures 30ft by 20ft and its erstwhile dressing room has been converted into a bathroom with king-sized bath, open fireplace, mahogany-seated lavatory sink with taps bearing the legend "H. E. Rudge & Co Ltd 1901", and opulent carpeting. Suites at £250 to £300 a night and studio rooms at £225 are a little more expensive. Every room in the house has been filled with turn-of-the-century furniture and ornaments from antique shops and sale rooms. And the views across a spectacular ornamental parterre lawn to the Thames and beyond are breathtaking.

Will the privileged few object to sharing their brief heritage with the thousands who will visit the grounds daily and even, on two afternoons a week, three main reception rooms in the mansion itself? John Tham has no doubts. "All over the world today there is a growing awareness of the need to conserve great houses for everybody's enjoyment. That the grounds of Cliveden are being shared will be a bonus. Then, apparently aware that he was beginning to sound like a manifesto, he grinned. "That, at any rate, is the theory. But if they don't see it like that, just think how great they'll feel to be on the inside looking out."

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Home of the rich, famed and notorious The disastrous fires which destroyed two earlier mansions on the same site are not the only sensations to have punctuated the tumultuous and extravagant history of Cliveden. In the 1930s it was the headquarters of the so-called Cliveden Set, which was associated with calls for appeasement with Hitler's Germany, and host to prominent politicians. It was also a debating chamber for such frequent guests as George Bernard Shaw and Lawrence of Arabia. In 1963 the Cliveden estate, in particular its cottage by the river rented by Dr Stephen Ward, became the venue of the notorious Profumo Affair, which led to the resignation of War Minister John Profumo and the dubious immortalization of Christine Keeler and Mandy Rice-Davies. It was in 1666, soon after the Restoration, that George Villiers, second Duke of Buckingham, employed William Winde to build him a great house beside the Thames. Eight years after Buckingham's death it was bought by Lord George Hamilton, later Earl of Orkney, and although leased for 12 years in the mid-18th century to Frederick, Prince of Wales, it

remained in the Orkney family until it was largely destroyed by fire in 1795. Cliveden lay in ruins for over a century until it was bought in 1824 by Sir George Warrender, a high-ranking MP, heir to an enormous Edinburgh trading fortune and a bon vivant of such style that Sydney Smith dubbed him "Sir Gorgeous Provender". No trace remains of the house built for him by Scottish architect William Burn because, soon after his death in 1849, Cliveden was bought by the second Duke of Sutherland,

caught fire during redecorations and once again was burnt to the ground. The duke commissioned Sir Charles Barry to build the present building and almost immediately Cliveden embarked on the glittering lifestyle which was to become its hallmark. The duchess had been Mistress of the Robes at the coronation of Queen Victoria, who became a regular visitor, as did William Gladstone, and many other Liberal politicians and writers. The Duchess of Sutherland died in 1867 and two years later the third duke sold Cliveden to his brother-in-law, the Duke of Westminster who, despite encasing one of the wings in pink terracotta, sold it to William Waldorf Astor in 1893. "W.W." gave Cliveden to his son Waldorf and his bride Nancy Langhorne as a wedding present in 1906, and although the Astors gave Cliveden to the National Trust in 1942 the family continued to live there until the third Lord Astor's death in 1966. It was then leased to Stanford University, California, in accordance with the family's wish that it should be used "to bring about a better understanding between the English-speaking peoples".



Past mistress: Nancy Astor at Cliveden, 1941

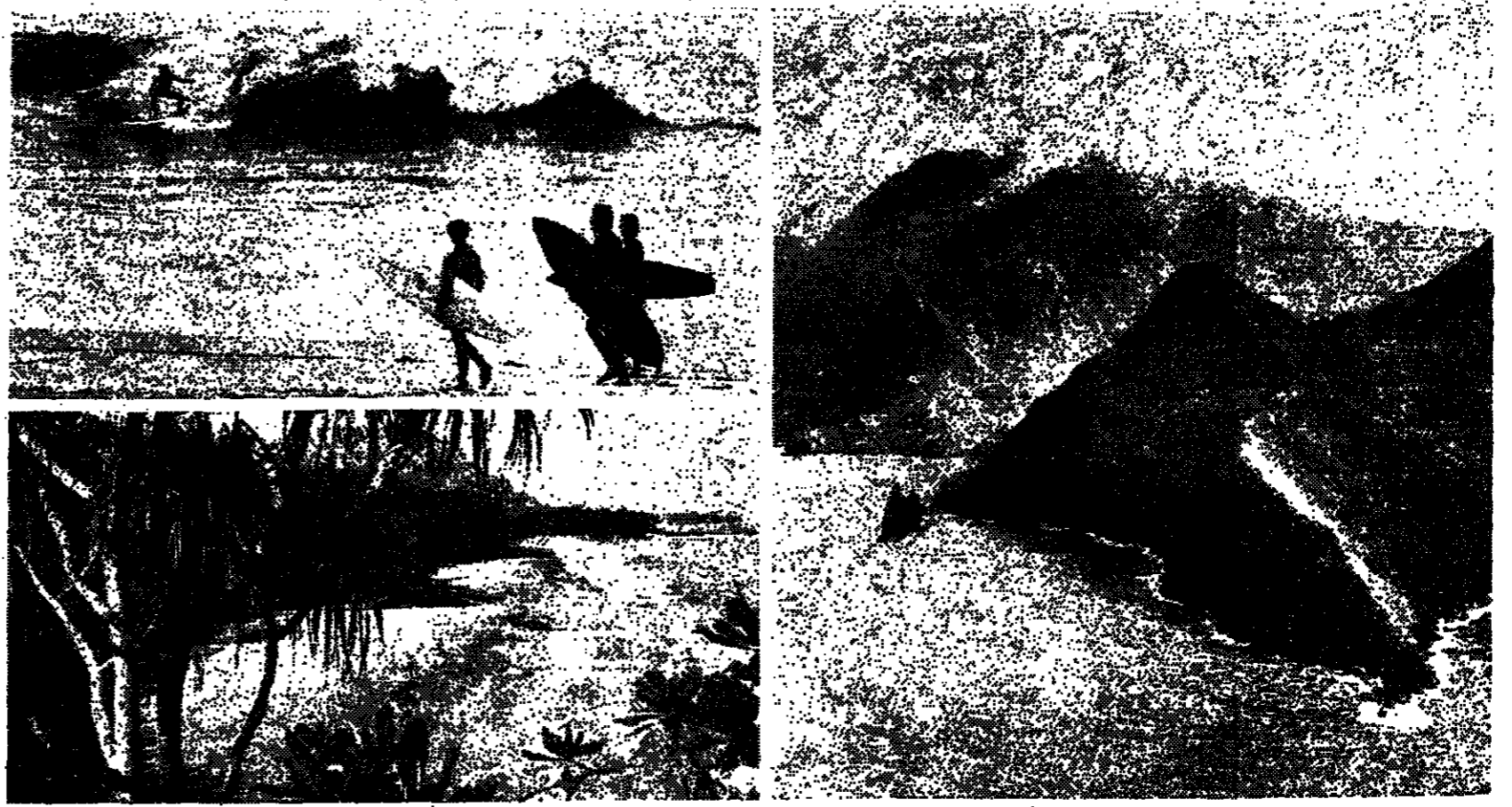
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TRAVEL

Strangers in paradise island

Part of the Hawaiian archipelago is a tourist's dreamland. But surprises are hidden among the spectacular beauties



Portraits of paradise: (top left) some of Hawaii's ubiquitous surfers, (bottom) beach beauty on Kauai and (right) the dream island of Molokai

Classified advertisement in Honolulu's daily newspaper caught my eye: "To Rent - single furnished pool \$350 monthly. The rooco darling of a furnished bathing pool personified everything extreme in the Hawaiian ethos. It was part and parcel of the American Dream which, on occasion, dissolves into farce before reaching bottom in nightmare, for they have gilded the lily, improving on nature at her most sublime. Honolulu has been given a skyscraper profile, golf fairways are green with unearthly lacquered sheens, Messrs McDonald have dispersed their 43th billion burger. And the tourists adore it. They love the whole goopy extravaganza from the moment they are garlanded with plastic leis at the airport to the valedictory sip of rum-flavoured mai tais afloat with strawberries, pineapple, dinky paper umbrellas and, if there's room in the glass, small speed-boats. Men buy aloha shirts, women drape themselves in numnum white, from scented terraces above Waikiki Beach, they sway in rhythm with grass-skirted hula dancers. "Have a nice day" is the morning litany, and have a nice day they do, every moment until removing the chambermaid's card from their pillow. moe me ke 'olu 'olu - sweet dreams.

societies set upon reviving that which cannot be revived - the Hawaiian language had no written form.

I holed up for a couple of days at the Kahala Hilton which had the good sense to get itself built the other side of Diamond Head, where there was silence and surf. Then I began exploring from a selection of seven islands. Scientists obstinately cling to an alternative thesis, yet the fact remains that the god Maui stuck his giant fish-hook into the ocean, pulled, and landed what was to become America's 50th state. Oahu and Hawaii were relegated from my choice because I'd covered them on a previous visit. Which left Maui, Kauai - had an unexpected, undeserved seam of joy which I shall do my best to describe.

Maui and Kauai struck me as much of a muchness, from the pronunciation of their names to their rather obsessive interest in pineapple production. There was the same quality of light, very precise and primary; and when the sun bowed out at the end of the day it was a dramatic affair, no hanging about. Both had remote, volcanic interiors and deserted beaches. Both contained some of the fattest, jolliest, multi-coloured people you could hope to meet and both gave space to some of the most sybaritic vacation colonies south of the Tropic of Cancer. Kauai has a bonus at Waioli Hui Ia Church with the sermon text "Jesus Saves is not about thrifit".

Molokai was my treat, my seam of joy. I arrived not long after dawn and a lovely fat lady at the counter did me a fried-egg

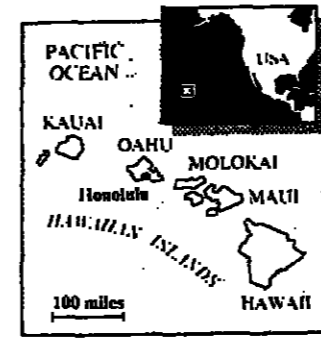
TRAVEL NOTES

Michael Watkins flew to Honolulu via Baltimore and Los Angeles with World Airways; the 21-day Apex fare from London Gatwick to Honolulu costs from £523. Between islands he used Hawaiian Airlines, the round ticket costing £94.21. In Honolulu he stayed at the Kahala Hilton and Waikiki Beach Tower, at Kaaunaloa Shores in Maui, the Waikohai in Kauai, and the Sheraton in Molokai. Prices range from about £70 to £120 a double room only.

sandwich; then a lovelier, fatter lady filled in my forms for a car hired from a Mr John Uu. These lovely fat ladies smiled great gap-toothed smiles and said: "You have a good time" and they meant it.

I'm trying to avoid the word "beautiful", it's overworked; but I'm stuck, for Molokai was beautiful - 36 miles by 10 of green hills and accidental bays. I pottered about the capital, Kaunakakai, 150 yards or so of wooden buildings selling fish-bait, soap-powder and brassieres; there was the Mid Nite Inn, but it closed at 9 pm and served no alcohol. Someone told me, dead-pan, that Molokai had the world's largest rubber-lined reservoir... which really impressed me far more than being told, in Houston I think it was, that their Super Dome could hold St Peter's in Rome. Harrods, and still have room for most of Australia.

Someone else told me that eating poi made from taro made everybody so hugely fat, so overweight that hair-line cracks appear on the earth's surface as they pass by; and someone yet again told me about the leper colony. But I knew about that. In 1866 the Hawaiian legislature passed "The Act to



Prevent the Spread of Leprosy", and the first boatload of lepers, supplied with two days' food, were put ashore at Kalaupapa. There were no houses, no doctors; so Kalaupapa became a living graveyard. A Belgian priest, Father Damien, felt it was his vocation to live among the lepers, changing their dressings, bandaging their sores, making their coffins. For 16 years he did this; until, in Holy Week 1889, he died of leprosy. At his wish he was buried among the people he loved; but, because we will never learn, his remains were exhumed and taken back to rest beneath the dishcloth grey skies of northern Europe.

Today Kalaupapa Peninsula is the only leper colony in the United States. In 1890 there were 1,174 patients, there are now 101; they are, the sad joke

just the odd man out, number 101, called Isaac Keao, who was put ashore in 1936 at the age of 11. He is not unsightly, he does not offend visitors; so he has become the colony's guide. "Don't you all resent being a peep-show?" I asked. No, he said, visitors didn't stare too rudely.

"Don't you resent that it should have happened to you?" He touched me with his poor stumps. "This is the ugly part", he said. "I didn't ask for it... but it's the cranium that counts and mine's OK."

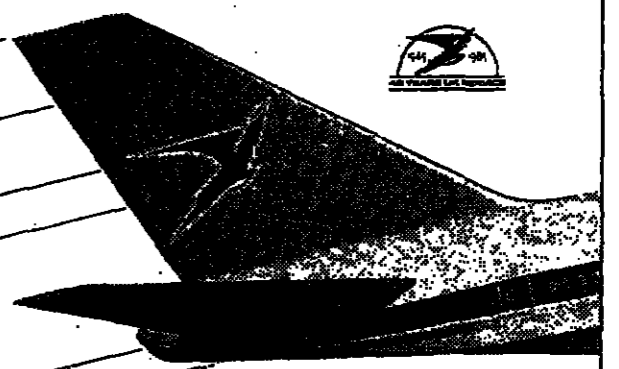
Eventually we said goodbye. We couldn't shake hands. I climbed the plateau to collect Mr Uu's car, driving back to the Sheraton 15 miles away; but Isaac and I were already worlds apart, friends apart. I have written to him and I wonder whether, somehow, he will reply.

Michael Watkins

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TRAVEL

Dismissed by some as a genteel Benidorm, the Dordogne is still beautiful, full of good food - and very French

The perfect place to stop and stare

I loved the Dordogne in 1960. In one hotel we did hear Since then I have been smugly English spoken. It was a couple avoiding it. Freda White from Chicago, and I lost Three Rivers of France sang its another of my ill-founded praise, other books did like prejudices. A world away from wise peasants sold up to early over-weight meat-packing ty-



River view: Beynac, a beauty spot on the sinuous neck of the Dordogne River

Local food relies on duck, beef cream and walnuts True, we saw a few GB-plate cars, but they blended in with the restaurants we sampled were the menu and cooking anything other than strictly French - of the local sort, relying largely on ducks, beef cream and walnuts.

So all in all our bill for dinner, bed and breakfast (with honey) came to 441fr, or a bit less than £38. Coming back from the north we stayed at the Hotel de Plaisance, at Vitrac, known all around for good cheap food and its peaceful riverside garden.

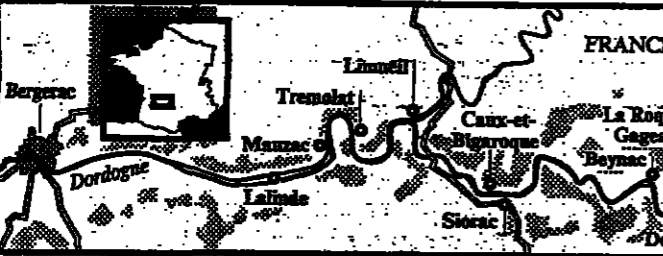
Another tourist, except a dozen of them. But they also mean a profusion of small hotels and restaurants in vigorous competition. That stretch has 17 one and two-star hotels in the Logis de France book alone.

Active work for willing hands



Working the plank: a group of young holiday volunteers repairing a bridge for the BCTV

From bee chasing to dry stone walling, working holidays put free time to good use It had to happen. We have holidays at all prices, with discounts and super-discounts to bring prices even lower, and very soon holiday companies will be paying people to travel.



Golden cliffs with golden houses built into them Between Lalinde and Vitrac the river is a sinuous neck of what can only be called, with some reluctance, beauty-spots.

John P. Harris 22 50 47, Ten rooms, 284-352fr. Closed mid-Oct-April. The Logis de France handbook can be obtained free (enclose 50p for postage) from The French National Tourist Office, 178 Piccadilly, London W1 01-499 5911.

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All dressed up and ready for snow

The abiding image of Zell-am-See in winter is of the lake, a huge expanse of snow-covered ice where people wander like figures in a Bruegel painting. Nothing could be more peaceful. In these days of purpose-built ski villages it is refreshing to go somewhere which gives you such a strong sense of place.

Return flight London to Salzburg Apex fare £105, if booked 14 days ahead, with Austrian Airlines, 50-51 Conduit Street, London W1 01-439 1851. Bed and breakfast at the Grand Hotel from about £20 a night, low season (Nov 1 to Dec 21, Jan 1-31, and March 8-22).

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CHESS

Short cuts through the battle of Hastings

Nigel Short, Britain's 20-year-old superstar, declined his invitation to this year's Hastings tournament amid a flurry of accusations and counteraccusations concerning the size of his appearance fee.

But what were Short's actual words? My agents in Hastings tracked down the exact text of Short's letter of rejection.

It reads: "Dear Ritson, Many thanks for the invitation to the Hastings tournament. I regret that I feel unable to participate this year due to the exceptionally poor financial conditions offered. I appreciate there may be very difficult problems with funding the event but if that is the case (which it clearly is) you must come to terms with the fact that Hastings is no longer the first-class event it was."

"It is totally unrealistic to expect Grandmasters like myself to play for an appearance fee of only £250. It is much better to offer me nothing and ask me to play as a favour for the opportunities which the Hastings event has afforded me in the past, rather than insult me like this."

David Anderson, captain of the English team and international director of the British Chess Federation, says that England can now be numbered among the world's leading chess nations: the most significant reason for the transformation in our fortunes, he believes, is the creation of a financial environment within which our leading players can become full-time professionals.

"The real problem at Hastings is the absence of commercial sponsorship. Until that can be secured, the tensions and difficulties, of which this controversy is but a part, will not go away, nor will the event be restored to the leading position it used to enjoy."

Raymond Keene

Triumph and tears of a tireless genius

Dickens of Doughty Street lives on in the house where a girl he worshipped died in his arms

"Tom - I am quite ashamed I have not returned your leg, but you shall have it by Harry tomorrow..." These are the earliest surviving written words of Charles Dickens in a carefully folded note to a schoolfriend, which the future literary giant wrote at the age of 12.

The tiny original can be seen among the exhibits at the Dickens House Museum in London's Doughty Street - and the "leg" by the way, was school slang for a lexicon (dictionary), though the comic possibilities were not lost on young Dickens.

The grown-up Dickens lived in Doughty Street - which was then a private road, with gates at either end and liveried porters - from April 1837 to December 1839. During this period the rising young novelist wrote the latter parts of Pickwick Papers, practically all of Oliver Twist and Nicholas Nickleby, and the beginning of Barnaby Rudge.

Clearly this was before the introduction of the 24-hour day and the seven-day week, for he also found time to write some 350 known letters, to travel as far afield as Yorkshire and Devon - by coach, to hold frequent parties, to indulge his passion for the theatre, to ride and walk.

This is to say nothing of the ups and downs of his family life, which during the Doughty Street days were dramatic enough. His father was busy being Mr Micawber to the life,



Dickensian detail: a stained-glass portrait in the dining-room window (left); the morning room (above right) and the washroom (below) at the Dickens House Museum in Doughty Street

gaily running up debts everywhere and having to be packed off to exile in Devon. But much more devastating for Dickens was the sudden inexplicable death of his wife's sister, Mary. Dickens had married Kate Hogarth exactly a year before moving in to the Doughty Street house, and the 17-year-old Mary was living with them.

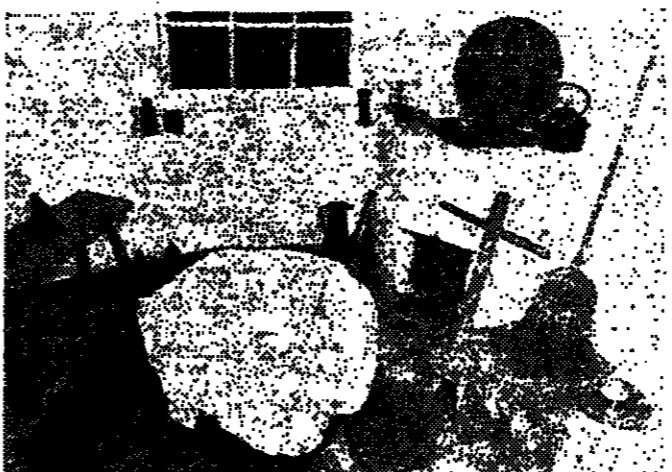
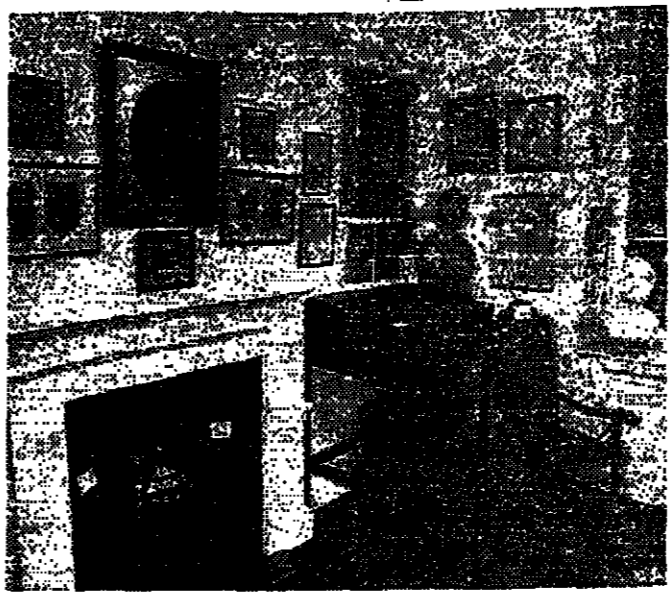
It still stands - a house which seems full almost to bursting with Dickensiana. The range of relics is extraordinary, especially when you consider that this is only one of four "Dickens houses" open to the public (the others are outside London). There are Dickens's favourite hideous sideboard and tacky artworks and a china monkey which he kept on his desk; the pretty tortoiseshell card-case he gave his wife for a wedding present, and a pot of the type he had to fill when apprenticed to the blacking factory.

You can see the actual desk on which Dickens worked as a clerk at Gray's Inn, and the family Bible inscribed with all the births and deaths. There are rooms full of theatrical souvenirs and cases of books and - well, the list is endless.

continued churning out babies - the first was born before the move to Doughty Street and two more, Mary and Katie, were born here. Katie lived until 1929, becoming Life President of the Dickens Fellowship and seeing the opening of her birthplace as a Dickens Museum.

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Both Turner and Cozens will be represented at the World of Watercolours and Drawings Fair which opens at the Park Lane Hotel on Wednesday.



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The annual show at Agnew, 43 Old Bond Street, London W1, in January and February gives a wide view of the choice available. The most important London sales are usually in April, June and late autumn, but lesser sales occur virtually every week in London and throughout the country.



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Urban bustle: Thomas Rowlandson's 'A Doorway Filtration', pencil, pen and ink, and watercolour

NORFOLK Peddars Way Distance: 9 miles. The Peddars Way in western Norfolk is one of the oldest trackways in England. It follows the route of a Roman road along an arrow-straight path from near Thetford to Hunstanton.

OUTINGS HOLIDAY '86: New showcase for the travel industry, open to the public this weekend and hosted today by Michael Aspel. Exhibitors include the major national and regional tourist offices, coach and rail operators, international airlines and tour companies.

STEAM ON THE BIG FOUR: A special archive film programme presented by John Huxley on the great "named" trains that ran during the glorious age of steam.

COLLECTING Rich waters show their true colours. Country calm: pencil and watercolour view of Virginia Water, dated 1827, by William Daniel.

IN THE GARDEN Splash out for smells of success. The fragrant blooms of the oleander are a familiar sight in hot, dry climates, where plants will grow up to 20ft tall.

QUESTION TIME What is the best time and way to prune a variegated ivy? The best month to prune ivy is April. Do not cut, unless you have no choice, when the plant is semi-dormant.

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CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 852)

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, January 23, 1986. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC9 9YT.

ACROSS: 1 Edward VI's mother (4,7), 9 Suitmakers (7), 11 Yellow brown (5), 12 Female sheep (3), 13 Paradise (4), 14 Foot speed (4), 17 Black Prince (6), 18 Bishop of Rome (4), 20 Inactive (4), 21 Infuse (6), 22 Sole (4), 23 Trademark (4), 25 Become jellylike (3), 28 S American camel (5), 29 Embodiment (7), 30 Extreme state (2,4,5).

BRIDGE

Positive thinking does the trick

If a contract looks impossible, the first thing a good player will do is to visualize a distribution that would enable him to succeed, and then play on the supposition that such a distribution exists. Similarly, if a contract looks easy, he will try to cater for any pitfalls.

IN THE GARDEN

Splash out for smells of success

The fragrant blooms of the oleander are a familiar sight in hot, dry climates, where plants will grow up to 20ft tall. In this country, however, plants will survive our winters only if they are grown in pots and brought indoors during the winter.

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SOLUTION TO No 846 (last Saturday's prize concise) ACROSS: 1 Vasco da Gama 9 Isolate 10 Worse 11 Lap 13 Half 16 Slot 17 Iguana 18 Ilex 20 Loci 21 Stance 22 Gibb 23 Grit 25 Den 28 Loose 29 Emotion 30 Refreshment

By leading the six of clubs and ducking it to West, declarer ensured his contract against any club distribution. Jeremy Flint

Can I expect any success from using seed left over last year? Seed in hermetically sealed packets can be kept for a number of years, without quality being harmed, but the packets should not have been opened.



ENTERTAINMENTS

GLC SOUTH BANK CONCERT HALLS

GLC South Bank Concert Halls, Balfronia Road, London SE1 8JX. BOX OFFICE: Open Mon-Fri 10am-5pm. Free exhibitions & lectures. ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL. PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA. LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL.

THE COVENT CLUB (19) 128 min. French Coppola's recreation of the film 'The Godfather Part II'. THE KINGS SINGERS & FRIENDS. THE PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA. PURCELL ROOM. FAIRFIELD HALL CROYDON. LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

ROSSINI-MOZART-RACHMANINOV-BEETHOVEN. PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA. Principal Conductor: Giuseppe Sinopoli. Monday next 20 January at 7.30. LORIN MAZEL. Brahms: Symphony No. 2. Beethoven: Symphony No. 7.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Music Director: ANDRE PREVIN. Tuesday next at 7.30 pm. BEETHOVEN. Piano Concerto No. 5 (Emperor). Emanuel Ax. Walton: Belshazzar's Feast. Dvorak: Cello Concerto.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Music Director: ANNE MARTINDALE WILLIAMS. ELGAR. Enigma Variations. PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA. ALAIN LOMBARD. JEAN-PHILIPPE COLLARD FRANCOIS-RENE DUCHABLE.

POPULAR CLASSICS. LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER ADEY SALLY ANN BOTTOLETT. HAROLD BOLT LIMITED presents SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY at 3.15. DANIEL BARENBOIM. LISZT: Sonata de Pélerinage, (L.Suisse). BEETHOVEN: 'Hammerklavier' Sonata.

HANDEL-BACH-MOZART-VIVALDI. LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Conducted by ANTHONY HOPKINS. TUNES OF GLORY FROM ENGLAND AND VIENNA. LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Introduced and conducted by BERNARD KIRBY.

POPULAR CLASSICS. BBC CONCERT ORCHESTRA. Soloist: PHILIP MARTIN. AN AMERICAN IN PARIS, REIMSPOY IN ELITE. SABBIE DANCE 'GAYANER', ADAGIO 'SPARTACUS'. NIGHT ON THE BARE MOUNTAIN. POLOVIAN DANCES.

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SIMON RATTLE. TURANGALLA SYMPHONY. MURAIL TIME and AGAIN. (Premiere) Trust Commissioned First London performance. CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. PETER DONOHUE piano. TRESTAN MURAIL, Oudist Marston.

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ROZHDSTVENSKY SERIES. LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. GENNADI ROZHDSTVENSKY conductor. Sunday 16 February 7.30pm. Monday 17 February 7.30pm.

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YEHUDI MENUHIN. BEETHOVEN CONCERT. Symphony No 8 in F. Romance in F for Violin & Orchestra. Romance in G for Violin & Orchestra. Violin Concerto in D. PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA. Conductor: James Judd.

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FAIRFIELD HALL CROYDON

FAIRFIELD HALL CROYDON. TONIGHT at 8.00 pm. LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. PAUL FREEMAN. HYOUUNG YOON CHANG piano. BEETHOVEN: Op. 111. TCHAIKOVSKY: Piano Concerto No. 1 in B flat minor. DVOŘAK: Symphony No. 9.

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL. JOHN LILL. Celebration Piano Recital. BACH: Sonata in E minor BWV 1006; Chopin: Ballade Op. 10, No. 2; Liszt: Sonata in E minor BWV 1006; Beethoven: Sonata in E minor Op. 10, No. 2.

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QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL. LONDON MOZART PLAYERS. Conductor: JANE GLOVER. MOZART: Concerto in D minor K. 451; Concerto in E minor K. 455; Concerto in G major K. 453; Concerto in C major K. 457.

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LUNCHTIME MUSIC IN THE CITY. LES AMOUREUX DE MOLIERE. Directed by Christian Rist. Monday 20th January 8pm. Tuesday 21st January 6pm. FRENCH INSTITUTE. 17 Queensberry Place, SW7. Telephone: 589 6211.

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THE WEEK AHEAD By Peter Waymark

RAYMOND GUBBAY presents at the BARBICAN TUESDAY NEXT 21 JANUARY at 7.45 pm WINTER LOVE CLASSICS

THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE with the London Concert Orchestra

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Playing the dreamer: Tom Courtenay as Billy Liar, make-believe ruler of his own kingdom

Reality runs out of time

FILMS ON TV

Exciting and valid as it seemed at the time, 1960s British cinema has almost sunk into critical oblivion.

RECOMMENDED

Rome Express (1932): Theft and murder on the Paris to Rome Express.

TELEVISION

Looking for a new series on Radio 4 (Thurs. 8.15-8.45pm) are six hallowed British institutions.

RADIO

The Pillars of Society which give their names to a new series on Radio 4.

Seeking out all the sin in Cinderella

It finds, in fact, spite, lust, greed and incest, a microcosm of families hating one another.

Trauma of attempts to change with the times

Another is Scotland Yard, where well-tried methods of policing are increasingly questioned.

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FILMS BROWNE STUDY: Coral Browne plays Alice Hargreaves, the inspiration for Alice in Wonderland...



RADIO RIB TICKLER: Ken Dodd, the sage of Knotty Ash, is back on radio for the first time in five years...



OPERA GRAND DAME: Gwyneth Jones, the Welsh soprano who was made a Dame in the New Year's Honours List...



CONCERTS CENTURY MAKER: Eugen Jochum takes over from Lorin Maazel to conduct the Philharmonia Orchestra...

Lifting the lid on Britain's upper crust

Emma Tennant, tall, blonde, her nails full of the pheasant she has been plucking, stands briefly at her window off London's Ladbroke Grove...

Lack of money has never prevented Emma Tennant from living in style, as her new book reveals



Emma Tennant in 1956, a portrait by the society photographer Lenare

style of the 18th century. To show how certain sections of British society have not altered, and to explore the strange effect an aristocratic name can have on so many people...

Scotland. During the war she ate powdered egg in the basement. After the war she went south, to St Paul's School, which she hated. The family is very well-heeled. Many have heard of Stephen Tennant, an eccentric uncle who writes, paints and...



The girl who put the Che into Cheyne Row: Emma Tennant

ARTS DIARY

Hayley's rocket

The actress Hayley Mills may well receive a writ for substantial damages because she has decided to star in a remake of one of her most successful films. An angry and bewildered management at the Churchill Theatre, Bromley, are filling the hole in their schedule caused by Miss Mills suddenly flying off to America to star...

Wham ban

No more rock groups are to be allowed into China after government officials watched with horror the "unbridled" behaviour of the fans of Wham's George Michael and Andrew Ridgeley. No official statement has been made, but when EMI's classical business manager Mike Allen visited Peking he noticed a particularly warm welcome. This is because he was offering recordings of a vastly different nature - Beethoven's Violin Concerto by Menuhin, Dvořák's New World Symphony by Muti. Says Allen: "They're much happier with our classical music."



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Seamy Puccini Major differences between producer Cameron Mackintosh and Puccini's granddaughter have created added complications to the realization of Mackintosh's musical biography of the composer, Seamy Puccini, due to open next month. Puccini may have written heavenly music but his private life was more earthy, and it is this aspect of his personality which Simonetta Puccini does not want the world reminded about. As a result there have been problems over the copyright of certain Puccini pieces which were not included in the show, but Mackintosh is Italian. "Getting anything from Italy apart from a plate of spaghetti is impossible," he says.

Novel attempt

The fact that he is the husband of Bridget Brophy did not hold the critics back from their mixed reception of Sir Michael Levey's first two novels. Sir Michael, the director of the National Gallery, is a skilled wordsmith with many scholarly novels to his name, but the hankers after. His first task on retiring next year, he tells me, is to write another. About a man who has retired.

Christopher Wilson

For ticket availability, performance and opening times, telephone the numbers listed. Theatre: Tony Patrick and Martin Cropper; Galleries: Sarah Jane Checkland; Photography: Michael Young; Dance: Geoff Percival; Films: John Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams; Opera: Hilary Finch; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse

THE TIMES CHOICE

CONCERTS

BEETHOVEN/BRAHMS: Hans Vonk conducts the London Symphony Orchestra in Beethoven's duobello Symphony No 8, Christian Zacharias solos in Brahms's Piano Concerto No 2. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, credit cards 01-638 8891). Today, 7.45pm.

OPENINGS

BOUNCERS: John Godber's sharp satire, on nightclub "security men" brought back to London by the originating Hull Truck Company, Donmar Warehouse (01-240 8230). Opens Mon.

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OUT OF TOWN

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: The Gentles: Howard Brenton's examination of the social and moral responsibilities of scientists, with Jeffrey Dench, Harriet Bagnall. Playhouse (0632 323421). Opens Thurs.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Tonight, Wed and Jan 25 at 7 pm, the star-crossed revival of Simon Boccanegra, in which Plácido Domingo was to have sung his first Adorno. Giorgio Merighi takes over, recreating a partnership with Kiri Te Kanawa's Amelia. Renato Bruson conducts. Tues and Fri, a revival of Andrei Serban's exotic, powerful production of Turandot. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

DANCE

ROYAL BALLET: Just two showings of Manon this week, with Antonietta Sibley (Mon) and Lesley Collier (Thurs). Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

GALLERIES

WHITECHAPEL-OPEN: Contemporary art of all sorts from amateur and professional East End artists. Whitechapel Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107). From Fri.

PHOTOGRAPHY

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FILMS

BEFORE STONEWALL (15): Lively documentary by Greta Schiller investigating gay and lesbian American life before the Stonewall Inn riot of 1969. Metro One (01-437 0757) and Everyman (01-436 1525). From Fri.

THEATRE

IN PREVIEW BLITHE SPIRIT: Peter Farago directs Marcia Warren as Madame Arcati, Joanna Lumley, Jane Asher

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE LUZA MINNELLI: Booking open for season at London Palladium (01-437 7373/2055) in March, plus appearances in Bournemouth (0202 297287), Brighton (0273 232881), Manchester (061 273 1112) and Birmingham (National Exhibition Centre, PO Box 16, Oxford).

LAST CHANCE

SHOTS OF STYLE: International exhibition of fashion photography selected by David Bailey, from 1920s to 1980s. Ends tomorrow. Sat 10am-5.50pm. Sun 2.30-5.50pm. Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7 (01-589 6371; recorded information: 01-581 4894/5).

ROCK & JAZZ

MARILLION: There is a lot of early-1970s silliness in their approach, but none can deny the freshness and charm of "Kayleigh", the single with which they conquered the British and American charts. Tonight, Spectrum, Warrington (0625 813700; Mon, Capitol).

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